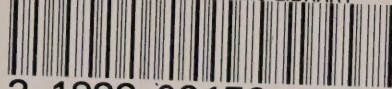


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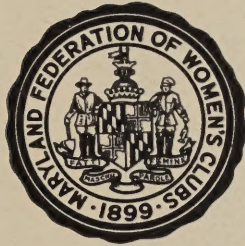


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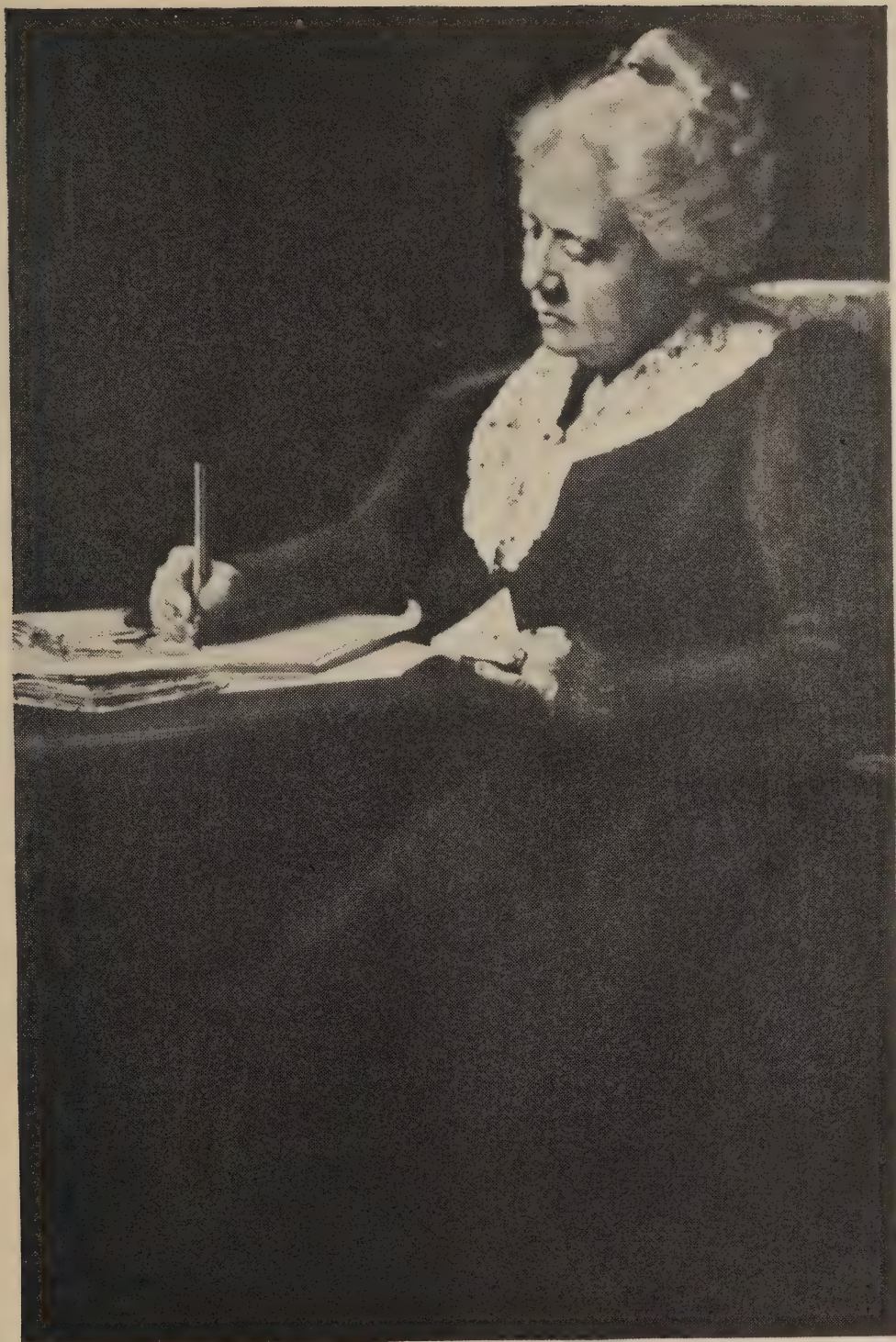
PIONEERS! O PIONEERS!

Selected from the poem by

WALT WHITMAN

These are of us, they are with us,
All for primal needed work, while the followers there
in embryo wait behind,
We today's procession heading, we the route for
travel clearing,
Pioneers! O Pioneers!

O you daughters of the West!
O you young and elder daughters!
O you mothers and you wives!
Never must you be divided, in our ranks
you move united,
Pioneers! O Pioneers!



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"Our First Pioneer"

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1899-1901

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DEDICATED TO THE
WOMEN'S CLUBS OF AMERICA

By EDWIN MARKHAM

NOTE—This poem was printed in the first issue of *The Maryland Club Woman*,
May, 1927.

Arise, O women, arise;
This is the Dawn; the bugles break the skies!
Behold, O women, behold!
The gates are opening to the dreams of old!
Like waters of a sea
That break their icy fetters and go free.
Arise in every land,
One dream-lit womanhood, one sisterbrand.
Rise! let the spring-tide flow,
Kindling with April fires the fields of snow;
Rise, women, rise in power—
Rise till the dead world breaks in golden flower

FOREWORD

The Maryland Federation has passed its two-score years. Deep rooted in the very soul of Maryland, Federation activities have grown and spread into all phases of the civic, educational, and cultural life of every community. Development and growth has been due to the wise selection of sub-soil by those women who had the vision and courage to plant the seed. Throughout the forty-two years, each administration has carefully nourished, pruned and cared for this Federation Tree, until its branches now give shelter and comfort to a weary world, open up opportunities to those who are willing to serve, and offer encouragement and inspiration to the youth who come earnestly seeking aid.

The Board of Directors at its regular meeting on September 18, 1940, voted to have this history compiled and published. It will make a valuable reference for every club woman and for every library. In order to work for the present and to plan for the future, we must have knowledge of the past. Whatever opportunities come to us as federated club women, we must be eager to learn, dare to fight for ideals and principles that we believe to be right, be ever ready to work untiringly to reach our goal, and more than all, have a keen desire to give of ourselves for others that their lives may be broadened and enriched.

As you read this book, dedicated to the noble women of yesterday, may you realize the true value of organized womanhood.

RUTH KENNERLY HARCUM,
(Mrs. Harry L. Harcum),
President-Director.

DEDICATION*

By MARGARET ROBERTS SCHAUN
Junior Woman's Club of Mt. Washington

For richer lives, a common goal,
A cause that stirs the heart;
For plans in which each has a part,
And each one shapes the whole;
For these, we thank you . . . pioneers.

Our thoughts go backward, fifty years.
We build on stones you laid.
We pledge, by all your bitter tears,
Devotion—unafraid.

Although our fingers seldom touch,
Our steps lead to this end;
That each, with little, gathers much,
And each has strength to lend.
For this, we thank you . . . pioneers.

* This poem was awarded the first prize in the 1940 Poetry Contest of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

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This book attempts to fill an existing need for an account of the historical development of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs from its organization in 1899 to 1941. The responsibilities of the committees in that great and important task were considerably lightened by the genuine interest and the wholehearted cooperation of the many individuals approached for data, records, and other information necessary for an accurate publication. In spite of the efforts to check and to verify the information obtained, there may still be some errors—a minimum of them, we trust. Do not the best historians make errors, too? At any rate, a beginning has been made. It may pave the way for a revised edition of this history.

The obligations incurred by every historian are many; they are particularly heavy in a book of this type which involves so many individuals and scattered bits of information.

To Mrs. Harry L. Harcum is due the credit for the conception of this book. Brimming over with enthusiasm, patient during many delays, and clear-headed throughout the making of detailed arrangements, she inspired historians, copy readers, typists, and publisher.

Presidents of former administrations aided in coordinating facts during the years in which each was in office. Minute books and bound volumes of *The Maryland Clubwoman* were used as references. These supplemented the stories of the historians. Without the faded keepsakes of Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Mrs. John F. Sippel, Mrs. Edward F. Buchner, Mrs. Charles E. McPhail and Mrs. William F. Rogers, much of the history of the early years could not have been related. Since the minute books up to 1926 have been lost, only jotted notes of the first sessions were available. Mrs. McPhail used these in her section of the history, surprising the committee with her collection of programs of annual meetings—so precious because of their memories.

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DR. ANNE H. MATTHEWS
MRS. J. ENOS RAY
MRS. L. WARRINGTON CARR

May, 1941.

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GENERAL FEDERATION ADVISORY BOARD

In 1891 the name was changed to

GENERAL FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*This Board was composed of the six General Federation
Officers and nine members-at-large who were
selected by the G. F. W. C.*

Mrs. John M. Carter, Mt. Washington *
May, 1902-1904

GENERAL FEDERATION STATE SECRETARIES FROM MARYLAND

Mrs. J. C. Wrenshall
May, 1894-May, 1896

Mary Wilcox Brown, Baltimore
Term of office—1896-1898

Mrs. Charles M. Lanahan, Baltimore**
Term of office—1900-1901

Mrs. Albert L. Richardson, Cambridge
Term of office—1901-1906

Mrs. Francis H. Easby, Baltimore
Term of office—1906-1907

Mrs. Elden J. Hartshorn, Kensington
Term of office—1907-1920

* Record of Directors does not list any from Maryland for the years 1904 to 1916. Mrs. Carter was the only Maryland woman to serve as a Director elected by the General Federation. At the Thirteenth Bi-ennial the above was changed as follows: "Beginning with the election of 1916 the General Officers and a Director from each State shall constitute a Board of Directors,

**The record for the Secretaries does not list any one for the years 1898-1900.

DIRECTORS FROM MARYLAND
for the
GENERAL FEDERATION BOARD

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Term of office—1916-1918

Miss Alice T. Tiffany, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1918-1921

Mrs. Daniel Miller, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1921-1922

Mrs. J. Wesley Brown, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1923-1925

Mrs. John F. Sippel, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1925-1928

Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas, Cumberland, Maryland
Term of office—1928-1930

Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Hyattsville, Maryland
Term of office—1930-1932

Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen, Bethesda, Maryland
Term of office—1932-1935

Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, Chevy Chase, Maryland
Term of office—1935-1938

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury, Maryland
Term of office—1938-1941

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of the
MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Mrs. Elizabeth King Ellicott, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1899-1901

Mrs. Albert Sioussat, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1901-1909

Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1909-1912

Mrs. Elizabeth King Ellicott, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1912-1914

Mrs. Edward C. Wilson, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1914-1915

Mrs. Francis Sanderson, Walbrook, Maryland
Term of office—1915-1922

Mrs. John F. Sippel, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1922-1926

Mrs. John L. Alcock, Towson, Maryland
Term of office—1926-1930

Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Baltimore, Maryland
Term of office—1930-1932

Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, College Park, Maryland
Term of office—1932-1935

Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, Chevy Chase, Maryland
Term of office—1935-1938

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. John T. Graham, Mt. Washington, Maryland
Term of office—1899-1901



MRS. HARRY L. HARCUM

President of the Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury, 1930-1932
President of the Eastern Shore District, 1936-1938
President-Director
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, 1938-1941

THE PRE-FEDERATION MOVEMENT

EARLY CLUBS FOR WOMEN

For a background of understanding of the early club movement which grew into the organization now known as the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, we, the committee are privileged to publish parts from an article called, "A Woman's Club," and from an unusual book entitled, "History of the Women's Club Movement" both by Jenny June Croly. This setting will give a fuller understanding of conditions that existed in pre-federation days when women met together only as a sewing circle or church group, and when men considered women incapable of organizing clubs and of carrying on club work.

The Sorosis Club of New York was organized in March 1868. Mrs. Croly, "on being asked to state the object in view, briefly recounted the facts in regard to the treatment of women members of the press by the New York Press Club, and said her idea was simply to supply the want of unity and secular organizations among women. Many women, she herself among the rest, were hungry for the society of women, that is for the society of those whose deeper natures had been roused to activity, who had been seized by the divine spirit of inquiry and aspiration, who were interested in the thought and progress of the age, and in what other women were thinking and doing."*

* From, "A Woman's Club" by Jennie June Croly. This article appeared in *Demarest's Magazine* for February-March 1886.

SOROSIS TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY.*

Looking back only eight years, when the thought occurred to the present writer of bringing clubs together, to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the birthday of Sorosis, and looking afar, north, east, south and west, upon the companies and aggregated groups of women inspired by club activities which constitute the great body of the General Federation, all grown from that small seed in this incredibly short space of time, one stands awed as before a miracle, intangible, but as real as any that have appeared in this "age of miracles."

Up to March, 1889, women's clubs were a local institution. The second stage in the life and growth of the woman's club, and its evolution into the breadth and grandeur of a national movement, began with a "call for a convention of clubs," issued by Sorosis, to celebrate its twenty-first birthday.

At the business meeting (third Monday), January, 1889, Mrs. Croly proposed that Sorosis celebrate its coming anniversary by a convention of clubs, for which she presented the following "call," which was adopted unanimously and with enthusiasm:

CALL.

In March of the present year (1889) Sorosis, the pioneer woman's club, attains its majority. It is proposed to celebrate its twenty-first anniversary by a convention of clubs, to meet on the 18th, 19th and 20th days of March next; and in pursuance of this object a delegate from your club is cordially invited to be its representative, and assist, by a report of your methods and their results, in furthering the larger aims of the convention.

The topics discussed will be:

1. The enunciation of the women's club idea and its point of departure from the society.

* The Twenty-First Birthday Party of Sorosis Club of New York City as told by Jennie June Croly.

2. The data upon which to gauge the extent to which in twenty-one years club-life has grown among women.

3. In what it consists, and how it differs from the club-life of men.

4. The methods employed and their operation.

5. Results obtained and outlook for the future.

6. The influence exerted upon the communities in which they exist.

The associated life of woman is now an established fact. Twenty-one years of steady growth have demonstrated it. This life has produced as its first flower a bond of good fellowship to which every good clubwoman responds.

CONVENTION SPIRIT.

Miss Mary Eastman, of the New England Woman's Club, best expressed the prevailing sentiment when she said: "While the organization and the clasp of hands have been like a beautiful dream to me, I have rejoiced in the manyness of us, and it has been like a shock of electricity. I am glad that so many could come; I am glad we clasp hands so widely, and now begin to understand each other. It seems to me that as I feel the great love that comes from so many, it is almost too great a joy, and somehow we want to learn to bear it. We must learn sympathy, learn unity, learn the great lesson of organization. I am sure we never have begun to dream of what will yet appear. This club and the other clubs reach out into the new life for women. It is certainly a new life. These clubs have made a new world, and we have got to adapt ourselves to it and to educate the world around us.

FEDERATION MOTTO.

It must be recorded that Mrs. Clymer in her opening address, March 19th, made use of the phrase that afterwards became the motto of the General Federation. Her closing words were: "We look for unity, but **UNITY IN DIVERSITY**. We hope that you will enrich us by your varied experience, and let us pledge ourselves to work for a common cause—the cause of womanhood throughout the world."

FOUNDING THE GENERAL FEDERATION

“Unity in Diversity”

A general meeting of the delegates was convened on Wednesday afternoon, 20th of March, at Madison Square Theatre, to lay the foundation for a permanent federation of women's clubs. The gathering was very large and a committee was appointed by unanimous vote to draft a constitution and present a plan of organization, to be ratified the following year. The president of Sorosis, Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, was made chairman of this committee and the following women elected to compose it:

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe
Mrs. J. C. Croly
Mrs. M. L. Thomas
Mrs. S. C. Hoffman, of New York
Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis
Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown, of Orange, New Jersey
Mrs. Driscoll, of Saint Paul, Minnesota
Miss Sarah E. Doyle, of Rhode Island
Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, of Chicago
Mrs. C. H. Hall, of Philadelphia
Miss Nobles, of New Orleans
Mrs. Putnam, of Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mrs. Amelia K. Wing, of Brooklyn, New York

From this committee an Advisory Board was formed for executive purposes, consisting of the following members:

Ella Dietz Clymer
Sophia C. Hoffman
Amelia K. Wing
J. C. Croly
M. Louise Thomas
Mary R. Hall
Charlotte Emerson Brown
who subsequently became secretary to the board.

* Founding The General Federation, from “The History of The Woman's Club Movement,” by Jennie June Croly, written in 1896.

The work done during the year 1889 by the General Federation committee is best told by reports given at the ratification convention held in New York on April 23d, 24th, and 25th, 1890.

THE WOMEN'S CYCLE.

On the first of September, 1889, Mrs. Croly as editor, and Mrs. C. J. Haley as publisher, issued the first number of *The Woman's Cycle*, which became the medium of the record for the foundation work of the General Federation.

The first convention of the General Federation gathered at Scottish Rite Hall, April 23, 24, 25, 1890.

WOMEN'S CLUBS IN MARYLAND

THE club movement is of recent growth in Maryland, and chiefly confined to Baltimore and its neighborhood. It was preceded, as in other parts of the country, by church and charitable societies, which in those days had few social and no intellectual features. The first club in Maryland was started in Mount Washington, a suburb of Baltimore, as a neighborhood group. After a time an informal organization was effected under the appropriate name of the Nucleus. Its moving spirit was Mrs. Elizabeth Graham. Its story is told under its present name of Lend-a-Hand Club. It now owns its club-house, and has an active membership of one hundred and fifty women.

Baltimore has been stimulated along the lines of intellectual advancement by the Johns Hopkins University and by the possession of a specially cultivated class among its citizens. The Walters gallery and magnificent collections have been practically the possession of the student workers for many years, and the public and private libraries are of exceptional excellence.

THE LEND-A-HAND CLUB, of Mount Washington, is the oldest of the Maryland clubs. It was started in 1872, mainly for philanthropic purposes, but reorganized in 1888, so that the literary and social features which had grown out of it might be made a part of its integral life. The first article of the constitution provides that "This club shall be

called the Lend-a-Hand Club, and shall consist of not less than twenty members, ten of them acknowledged Daughters of the King. It shall be absolutely unsectarian, having for its watchword, 'In His Name'; its talisman a purple ribbon or Maltese cross, and for its motto Edward Everett Hale's well-known lines for the groups of King's Daughters:

“ ‘Look up and not down,
Look forward and not backward,
Look out and not in,
LEND-A-HAND.’ ”

The object of the club “is that of mutual helpfulness and neighborhood improvement, and to that end have been organized a circulating library, departments of philanthropy, domestic economy, industry, literature, music, and art, and an exchange for woman's work has been established. Others may be added as the need arises.”

The by-laws state in regard to membership that “any woman in good standing, actuated by the principles of this club, and desiring to work with it, can become a member when introduced by one active member and endorsed by another, if no objection is offered in the Executive Board, to which her name must be first presented.”

The Lend-a-Hand Club owes its existence and success to its first and only president, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Graham. As early as 1866 she inspired little weekly meetings, which met from house to house for neighborhood culture and improvement. The name and method changed from time to time, but Mrs. Graham's kindly spirit and self-sacrifice held the society more or less together through all its vicissitudes, and made it the foundation of the Lend-a-Hand Club.

In 1886 Mr. E. E. Hale, in an address made to the society, remarked that the “lend-a-hand” spirit seemed to prevail among them, and upon his suggestion the name and motto were adopted, and the Lend-a-Hand Club organized under a constitution, with Mrs. Graham as its elected president.

During several years Mrs. Graham had also interested a group of young ladies in courses of reading, the study and practice of music, and literary culture. In 1888 she succeeded in uniting both interests in one fine organization designed to “foster the higher life and the better womanhood.”

“There is nothing,” says the historian, “of the new woman about it. It is neither a literary nor charitable nor social nor political nor religious nor mutual admiration nor a village gossip club. It simply lends a hand wherever it thinks a helping hand is needed; not in a meddlesome or officious way, but in the spirit of mutual helpfulness. Its members try to teach each other how to get most out of life.”

While the membership is confined to people in good social standing, it is not exclusive. Social snobbery is not tolerated. “Any woman,” says its constitution, “in good standing, actuated by the lend-a-hand spirit and principles of this club, and desiring to work with it, can become a member when introduced by one active member and endorsed by another, if no objection is offered in the Executive Board, to which her name must first be presented.”

The club has about one hundred and fifty members. The dues are two dollars and fifty cents a year, with a five-dollar initiation fee. Weekly meetings are held, and the club has the usual features of club life: colors, badges, mottoes, etc. Its membership is composed almost entirely of women living in the city of Baltimore and its suburbs, who are interested in home and husband, and are ambitious to make wifehood and motherhood mean as much as possible. The club is incorporated, and owns a beautiful club-house costing over six thousand dollars, and has a well-established position in the community.

Each year the work is divided among a number of sections or departments. Each department is in charge of a chairman, who invites membership and arranges and conducts the work. All members enroll themselves for work with one or more sections. Each section may hold as many private meetings as it wishes, but it must have one or more public meetings at which a carefully arranged programme is given. In this way the weekly meetings are made very pleasant and profitable.

This year the club is divided into seven departments: Philanthropy, in charge of Mrs. W. A. S. Beasley; education, Miss E. Grace McCullough; domestic science, Mrs. E. N. Brush; social economics, Mrs. Lewis Dill; literature, Mrs. O. F. Hershey; music, Mrs. J. M. Mealy; art, Mrs. Wm. Yardley.

The club name is now a trifle misleading. Philanthropy necessarily plays a considerable part in the club work, but it is not the most prominent feature. No single charitable appropriation can exceed five dollars, and such gifts are always made through well-established charity organizations. The club has fostered the Silver Cross Home for Epileptics, at Port Deposit, Md.; the Hospital for Consumptives, Baltimore; Miss Bernwell's Home for Crippled Children; the Anchorage, Baltimore; Miss Dinwoodie's Social Settlement, Baltimore; etc. This department also does considerable charity work in the community, and its public programmes are among the most inspiring of the year.

The club is not a literary club in any sense of the word. The literature section is in a flourishing condition, and every effort is made to interest the whole club in literature as a force in the individual daily life; it is not studied nor discoursed upon in any scholarly or academic way, but the members try to assist each other to appreciate only the best in books generally and to keep in touch with current literature in its higher expression. Its public programs are made up of original talks and papers prepared by the members of the section. Its motto, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee," voices the department's protest against the formal paper of an encyclopædial flavor. The rejected manuscript celebrity is unknown.

These departments are taken as types to indicate how the club is conducted. The same spirit and plan prevail generally. The section on education branches out into papers on travel, lectures, etc. It also does some kindergarten and public school work. Domestic science aims at creating ideals for the proper atmosphere of culture, progress, and refinement in the home. Social economics has done good work in connection with many of the public institutions of the city. Its ex-chairman is now a member of the Jail Board of the city, a position of much honor and importance. Art and music have a wide range of work, and are very popular departments.

All the departments unite occasionally in some form of entertainment, usually of a money-making character. Each year the club holds its harvest moon fête, which has become the chief rural festival of the community, and is largely patronized.

The officers of the club are: Mrs. John T. Graham, president; Mrs. Alcaeus Hooper, first vice-president; Mrs. John A. Lawrence, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Lanahan, third vice-president; Mrs. T. C. Gambel, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Carter, recording secretary; and Mrs. F. B. Hopper, corresponding secretary.

THE WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB is the oldest literary club for women in Baltimore. It was organized March 22, 1890, and, as stated in the first address delivered by its founder and president, Mrs. Lawrence Turnbull, was formed "to encourage exact and noble thinking among our women; hoping to prove that added strength will cultivate larger grace of speech and manner, keener instincts of pure womanhood, a deeper appreciation of the precious opportunities of the home life, with a truer comprehension of its responsibilities—a broader and not less loving and believing heart."

Ten ladies of Baltimore were associated with Mrs. Turnbull in its foundation. These have grown now to a membership of seventy, and thirteen honorary. Each member subscribes to the following pledge:

"Esteeming it a privilege to belong to the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore, I will be loyal to its aims and methods, carefully guarding its reputation and striving to increase its influence so long as I retain my membership."

Meetings for the admission of new members are held twice a year by the Board of Management, which is elected to serve two years, the general officers being elected annually.

The work of the club has been purely literary from the beginning. It is opposed to women's clubs entering the field of reform, and believes their influence is better felt in the work of intellectual advancement and social culture. It works under committees upon education, current criticism, archaeology, the drama, unwritten history, ancient and modern poetry, and other subjects and divisions of subjects. Whatever the field, the effort is towards the attainment of the highest order of literary excellence. The record of work accomplished shows an extraordinary amount of published literature by members, including books, magazine articles, lectures (single and by course), and critical

essays. Among those authors who have brought distinction to the club are Miss E. F. Brent, Mrs. Florence Earle Coates, Mrs. Mary Noyes Colvin, Miss Ellen Duval, Miss Marion D. Dorsey, Christine Ladd Franklin, Mrs. L. B. Herrick, Olive Thorne Miller, Mrs. John T. Graham, and others.

A day in November, 1894, was given in honor of Oliver Wendell Holmes as "Poet," "Essayist," "Humorist," "Professor," "Genial Companion," "Story Teller," "Physician," "Lover."

Regular meetings are every Tuesday from the first of October till June. The last Tuesday in the month is called a "salon," and one hour is given for discussion of the subject in hand. In February, 1895, the "Tendency of Modern Fiction" was discussed under the following heads:

Is the legitimate purpose of fiction merely to amuse?

Is not its influence for good or evil more potent than that of any other class of literature, or than any of the other arts?

Why should a moral purpose in fiction mar its artistic success?

Is not the short-story the necessary product of our times?

Does an age form its literature, or literature its age?

Several of the meetings of that year were given to Egyptian studies, such, for instance, as "The Pyramid Builders," "Three Queens of Ancient Egypt," "The Pharaohs," "The River of Egypt," "A Study of the Twelfth Dynasty."

In May of the same year a reception was given to the officers of the Johns Hopkins University and several of the literary associations of the city. An exhibit of valuable curios and rare old paintings was a feature of this occasion.

The annual address of the president, June, 1896, contained so admirable a statement of the attitude of the club towards its work that it is a matter of regret not to present it entirely, but space will only admit of the following extracts:

"Does our title hold any hint that we are to strive tacitly, if not specifically, for some special good to woman in our

literature work; that we are, in some sense, to uphold those qualities which are essentially womanly—not necessarily attributes of women only, nor sought for as differentiating them from men, but that we are to emphasize, as opportunity may offer here, those gifts and qualities which conduce to a nobler womanhood? Surely.

“Then, as a Woman’s Literary Club, this purpose should fix our *point of view* in our contact with literature.

“From this point of view the question broadens at once, touching vital interests for whatever is strong and beautiful and true; for we will not give up the claim that woman’s part in life should be the ideal of spiritual, however darkly nineteenth-century influences hint of lower standards by exalting the practical and urging the advance of woman on material lines.

“But if these are the darker hints of a time full of great possibilities, all the more should the influence of woman be exerted upon the ideal side; all the more should she jealously claim and fill her part in life, for never was it more needed, more strenuously marked out for her, and by these very causes. . . .

“We have found, then, a definite point of view from which to approach literature. Let us call it *the modern need of the ideal*. It should fashion our standards, determine our criticisms, and color our writings. . . .

“We need not seek to multiply pleas for the treasuring of the ideal in our literary associations; we know that it is by our attitude rather than by our attainment in any department that we may hope to make ourselves felt. In literature, as in life, this should be the woman’s province, and we may be sure that in this day of progress this note of freshness, of warmth, of spiritual charm is a distinct need.

“The idealist can have no issue with those who plead for the precision of method, the carefulness of study which realism has introduced into art. The value of these things cannot be overestimated; for it must be confessed that a certain slovenliness and inadequacy have too often been faults of the ideal and spiritual school—in art as in thought. This is, doubtless, one reason why the productions of the ideal school have not always carried the weight to

which their matter entitles them. It will continue to be so—increasingly, according to the more definite methods, intellectual and scientific, which keep pace with the rapid development of our age—unless the fact is recognized by those who assert that idealism is higher than realism, and unless they perfect the lower in striving to reach the higher plane.”

There has been no president of the Woman’s Literary Club but Mrs. Lawrence Turnbull. The vice-presidents (1896) were Mrs. W. R. Bullock and Mrs. Gaston Manly; the corresponding secretary, Miss Grace Balch.

The life of the club is a very delightful one to its members. It entertains distinguished men and women of letters, both native and foreign, and has set a high standard of literary and social attainment.

THE ARUNDELL CLUB, of Baltimore, was organized in 1894, just previous to the second biennial convention of the General Federation in Philadelphia, with which it was at once affiliated. Its membership during the first two years reached the limit fixed by the founders, which was three hundred women.

The annual address of the president, Miss Elizabeth T. King, in 1895, summarized both the work and the aims of the first large department club in the State. The following is quoted: “The Arundell Club was organized in 1894 with thirty-three members; it now numbers two hundred and sixty-three, is within thirty-seven of its limit, and looks forward to that aim of all clubs—a waiting list. It held its first meeting in a private parlor. It now has the first woman’s club-house established in Baltimore, furnished without touching the emergency fund or going into debt, and already there is a decided feeling that our present comfortable quarters are becoming too small, and that our ultimate destination is to be located upon that street where all good clubs go.

“The life which has gone on in our club-house is of a varied character. Public meetings, sectional study, committees for public work, social entertainments, musicales, field days, and not least of all, quiet hours spent by members over the periodicals, have all contributed to form the complicated organization which women are pleased to call

a club, but which means much more if considered from a sociological standpoint.

“We are not supposed to cherish extreme ideas in Maryland, but I think we can safely say that the Arundell members, though working slowly, are none the less successfully combining home and club life, and show much appreciation of both. There are six subcommittees which attend to the numerous details of this department. The Entertainment committee provides receptions by which it is enabled to show its appreciation of the interest manifested by many prominent men in Baltimore, whose counsel has been most valuable, and it also gave an opportunity for women, who did not know each other, to exchange pleasant intercourse.

“As Baltimore grows larger, the tendency of society is to divide into cliques; these are all more or less represented in the Arundell Club, and as its social life becomes developed, much pleasure and profit will ensue from the breaking down of these barriers.”

The Library committee reports that thirty periodicals, English, French, and German, are upon the table for the use of members, and are much appreciated by them, so much so that, at times, the wear and tear have amounted almost to complete destruction. A nucleus for a library for use of members was formed within the first year, and much thought bestowed upon the cultivation of a social side for young members, as well as the pursuit of serious work. In the sections it was the object of each chairman to induce her membership to study thoroughly whatever subject was under investigation, to facilitate and train members in correct methods. Expert leaders were at first engaged from the Johns Hopkins University, under whom classes were formed for the study of Chaucer, the masters of German literature, and the growth of modern French poetry. A political economy class was organized, conducted by Dr. Hollander; Frances Walker's “Political Economy” the text-book. The class numbered twenty-one members, and was not confined to lessons; it held animated discussions on the tariff, the theory of production, socialism, and the laws of distribution and exchange. The subsection for practical work has held frequent meetings, in which different members have, in turn, led in the discussion

on the care of dependent children in institutions, the placing-out system, legal restrictions for child labor, and the like.

Meetings of the educational section were at first weekly, but afterwards fortnightly, for the discussion of subjects of present educational interest, such as the kindergarten, the development of the public school system, and the modern training school.

One of the most interesting developments in the Arundell Club has been the recent formation, under the joint action of the two above sections, of the first Woman's Good Government Club in Baltimore. Women not members of the Arundell Club, who are interested in this subject, are admitted to membership without, however, sharing in the other privileges of the club.

The club is not concerned with politics or parties, but seeking primarily to arouse a civic conscience in its members and in others, it is interested in what may broadly be termed municipal housekeeping.

The literary department has resolved itself into English, German, and French sections. The chairman of the English section reports that fortnightly meetings have been held, and that there is a membership of twenty-five. They began with talks on the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, after which the modern English essayists were considered.

The German section was conducted in German, and Professor Wood, Johns Hopkins University, gave an address upon "The Work of German Women in Literature." In the French section the members studied the new literary psychological movement, the influence which helped to form it, and its reaction against the naturalists. Some of Paul Bourget's poems, travels, and later novels, and especially his literary essays, were read, and reference made to the contemporary critics Brunetière, Lemaitre, Pellissier, and others in whom French literature is especially rich. Professor Elliott, Johns Hopkins University, opened the class with a most inspiring talk on methods of study, and Mr. Ogden, Johns Hopkins University, gave an interesting address on the late poet, Leconte de Lisle.

In the home department a suggestive and practical pro-

gram was arranged for the second year, which included "The Nutritive Value of Foods, Including Marketing, Utensils;" "Home Sanitation, Sewerage, Water Supply, Plumbing," Public Removal of Garbage;" "Housekeeping and Expenditure of Family Income, Compared with Results in Europe;" "Cooperative Housekeeping;" "Executive Ability: Can It Be Acquired? and How to Increase It;" "The Service Question, from the Standpoint of Employer and Employee;" "Care of Children and the Nurse Problem."

A current events section was projected as an arena for general discussion.

The first president's address closed with the following words: "Whatever may ultimately be the character of a woman's club, its best development is only possible by action based on the past. All successful movements are dependent upon gradual evolution from past conditions and upon historic continuity; and the social power, love of home, the instinct of caring for children, the grace and charm of past generations, are good foundations for the broader life, which includes not only one's own children, but the neglected ones of the State; not only one's own household, but the city of which it is a unit; not only the individual circle, but the club life, which is rendered doubly attractive by the exercise of qualities which give their charm to home."

The Arundell Club is based on the modern department plan of the Woman's Club in Chicago. In its work it draws largely upon outside sources, men as well as women. In art there are projected exhibitions of work both native and foreign; and music, which is covered by that section, has been a source of enjoyment to the club from its beginning.

A sketch class has also been organized, and a practice class for sight-reading of piano music.

As is common in all large department clubs, a section, or class, which is practically a subsection, may be organized whenever a sufficient number of members ask for it, who are willing to maintain it and have found a leader. The sections are usually permanent, but the classes change with the requirements of members or when a special class has fulfilled its object.

The president of the Arundell Club is Miss Elizabeth D. King; the secretary, Mary Wilcox Brown, who is also the chairman of State correspondence for the General Federation in Maryland.

The real founder and inspirer of the Arundell Club is the president, but among the women who have taken an active part in the Arundell Club work are Mrs. I. I. Abel, Miss C. Bond, Mrs. E. H. Griffin, Mrs. R. T. Sioussat, and Mrs. W. Reed.

The Arundell Club is now established in a very handsome home on Charles Street, which it hopes to own in the near future.

Other Early Clubs of Maryland

THE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF SANDY SPRING 1857-1928. The oldest woman's club in Maryland and one of the oldest in the United States, is the Mutual Improvement Association of Sandy Spring, which was founded in the Quaker settlement in May, 1857, at the suggestion of Mary L. Roberts. It consisted of fifteen members, and was without a president, the secretary being then, as now, the only officer. The Charter members belonged to the Society of Friends with one exception; and were all married women ranging in age from thirty to fifty, some with grown or half grown children, others with small babies.

The club met once a month in the homes of the members, who entertained in turn. In the winter, the members gathered in the morning, and a midday meal was followed by the meeting. In the summer, the afternoon was the meeting time, and business came first with supper afterwards. At the afternoon meetings nothing hot was served except tea and coffee; so the refreshments consisted chiefly of cold ham and chicken, with beaten biscuit and other breads, pickles, preserves and the like. The hostess of the preceding meeting acted as chairman, and the members were asked in turn whether they had anything to read or a question to ask. Nearly everyone read something in prose

This article entitled, "Maryland's Oldest Club and Oldest Clubwoman" was written by Mrs. William A. Iddings, the daughter of Mrs. Sophia Pierce" and was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, February 1929.

or verse, and subjects of household economy were discussed, such as soap making, and the newly discovered method of canning apples in airtight jars. The members were a group of intelligent and progressive women, interested in the welfare of their community and of the world at large, having a wider outlook than most farmers' wives of that day.

For seventy years the "Association" has gone upon its tranquil way, changing a little as the times have changed, but keeping most of the old customs unimpaired. There are now twenty-four meeting places and usually about thirty members, a large percent of whom are Quakers. The programs consist of reports of committees on Social Service, the County Federation, etc. More business is transacted at the meetings than formerly, but the early members were perhaps as benevolent and helpful to the community, although in a different way. Many of the present members are the daughters and granddaughters of the founders, and one of the original fifteen, Mrs. Sophia Pierce, is still living, at the advanced age of one hundred and three.

Sophia Pierce, Maryland's oldest club woman, was born October 16th, 1824, in the Moravian Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which was the first girls' boarding school in the United States, and of which she is now the oldest living scholar. Her father, Rev. John G. Kummer, was at that time the principal of this school, and she was brought up amongst the quaint customs and in the musical atmosphere of historic old Bethlehem. After the death of her parents she came to live in Maryland, where she supported herself by teaching until she was married to Edward Pierce in 1856.

Mrs. Pierce has lived a retired and uneventful life, and owing to her many years has seen great and wonderful changes. She has always been ready to adapt herself to new customs, and has shown a never failing interest in each succeeding generation. She is very feeble now, and nearly blind, but has retained her mental faculties. She remembers quite clearly the first meeting of the "Association" and says she can see in imagination the room where they met and the assembled ladies; and she never fails to add that "Hadassah Moore was so pretty."

MYRTLE CLUB—1885-1900. Myrtle Club was organized in 1885 as an assembly of the Knights of Labor. After a short time the members realized that it was not the place for them as the Labor organization was mainly political, and women at that time had not been given suffrage. After leaving the assembly the club was not affiliated with any organization until it joined the Pennsylvania Association of Women Workers, and, through them, the National League of Women Workers.

The first officers were: Miss Margaret Weir, president; Miss Mary Murray, vice-president; Mrs. Addie Evans, treasurer; Mrs. Mary F. Cavey (née Grannan), financial secretary; Miss Nellie Williams, recording secretary; Miss Georgia Weir, librarian.

The club rooms were on the second floor of 312 St. Paul Street, where F. Hopkinson Smith, the novelist, was born. The By-Laws revised April 7, 1889, say "The object of the Club is the cultivation of sisterly feeling and mutual helpfulness among working women; the formation of classes for study; social enjoyment."

The educational classes included literature, embroidery, and cooking. The Tea Club furnished supper every Friday night for five cents. A Stamp Saving Branch of the Provident Savings Bank was opened at the club with Miss Georgia Weir as agent. By 1900 the club library had received numerous gifts of sets of books; one set was given by Dr. Hubert Adams, of the Johns Hopkins University.

The idea of forming a State Federation was discussed for the first time in Myrtle Club rooms, but the organization was formed at the Arundell Club. The club members and others present in addition to Miss Margaret Weir were Miss Mary E. Richmond, Mrs. John M. Glen, née Miss Mary Wilcox Brown, Mrs. Edward C. Wilson, Dr. Mary Sherwood, Dr. Lillian Russell, and Mrs. Elizabeth King Ellicott.

The committee for the Constitution, which was drafted by Mrs. Ellicott, was: Mrs. Moses Goldenberg, Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Isaac L. Strauss and Miss Margaret Weir.

This article was written by Mrs. Adelaide Derringer.

There follows a copy of one of the early programs of this club. We have reproduced it as nearly as possible in the form used at that time:—

Myrtle Club of Working Women,
312 St. Paul Street.

Classes, Practical Talks and Lectures for 1899 - 1900

Embroidery Classes. Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 P. M.;
October to June.

Supervisor: Miss A. M. McDOWELL.

Instructor: Miss M. L. CLARKE.

Literature Class. Tuesdays at 8 P. M.; November to June.

Subject: 19th Century Poetry.

Leader: Miss GOODWILLIE.

Practical Talks

MISS JULIA K. ROGERS.

Advertisements.
Moral Courage.
Bargains.
Personal Remarks.
Woman's Opportunities.

What Can We Do for the Good of the City?
Mind Reading.
On the Choice of Books.
Shamming.
Flowers.

Lectures

General Subject.—TRAVEL.

October 27th. THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

Miss Kate Ranstead.

November 24th. PARIS.

Dr. Jacob H. Hollander, of *Johns Hopkins University*.

December 15th. THE PHILLIPINES, (With Magic Lantern.)

Dr. Barker, of *Johns Hopkins University*.

January 26th. SCOTLAND.

The Rev. M. D. Babcock.

February 23d. FLORENCE. (With Magic Lantern.)

Miss Sibley.

March 23d. JAPAN.

April 27th. ENGLAND.

May 25th. INDIA.

THE FIRST THIRTY YEARS
of the
MARYLAND FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
1899-1930

By MRS. CHARLES E. MCPHAIL, *Historian*

The background of our story is found in the characteristics of the later years of the 19th century, those "gay nineties" which have recently been described by so many able writers. These authors have spared the faulty efforts of the historian, as they have created a vivid picture of that time for those having no personal memories of it. The Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs was formed at the close of that period and reflected its ultra-conservatism and sentimentality as well as the high ideals for culture and welfare of those gentlewomen who were responsible for its organization.

Some literary and culture clubs, which "mothered" the women's club movement, were throughout the cities and counties. Their federation was due largely to the efforts of Mrs. John T. Graham, of the Lend-a-Hand Club of Mt. Washington. On October 23, 1899 a meeting of the Lend-a-Hand Club was held at the Casino in Mt. Washington and representatives were present from the following groups: Twalif Club, Friday Club, Sorosis Club, Woman's Club of Roland Park, Eastern Female High School Alumnae Association, and Mothers' and Teachers' Educational Union.

It was here that the following resolution was discussed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting:—"Resolved, that the Clubs present hereby unite creating a nucleus of the State Federation of Maryland." As the club representatives were attending this meeting in the capacity of uninstructed delegates no action could be taken on the question at that time. However, after the matter had been referred back to the clubs, another meeting was held on

November fourth at the Arundell Club, when a committee on organization was formed, consisting of Miss Elizabeth King of the Arundell Club, Mrs. Leo Knott of the United Women of Maryland and Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Jr. of the Friday Club. A constitution was adopted in Committee on December 1, 1899 at the Arundell Club and sent out to the various clubs.

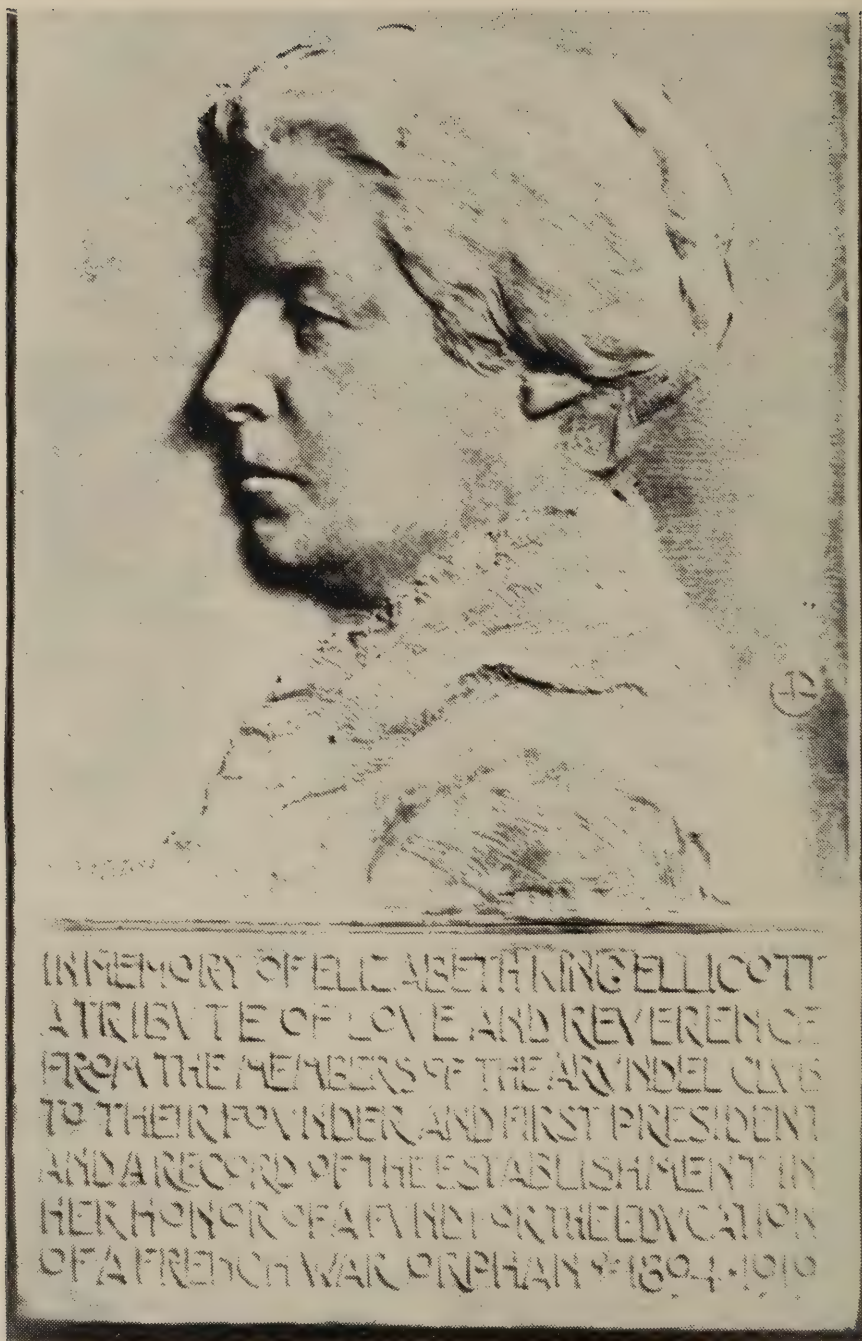
The nineteen charter clubs were: Arundell, Lend-a-Hand, Twalif, Sorosis, Friday, Mothers' and Teachers' Educational Union, Woman's Club of Roland Park, Myrtle, Progress, Second Division United Women of Maryland, Eastern High School Alumnae, Western High School Alumnae, Woman's Club of Kensington, Baltimore Section, Council of Jewish Women, Baltimore Chapter Woman's College Alumnae, Hytheham Club of Port Deposit, Frederick Female Seminary Alumnae Association, Frederick Art Club, and Earleigh Heights on the Severn.

MRS. KING ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT M. F. W. C.

The First Annual Meeting was held on March 28, 1900, at the Arundell Club, 1000 N. Charles Street, with twenty-six delegates attending. The entire ticket, as presented by the nominating committee, was elected:

President—Mrs. Elizabeth King Ellicott
First Vice-President—Mrs. John T. Graham
Second Vice-President—Mrs. E. A. Robinson
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Christine Carter
Treasurer—Mrs. George W. Sadtler

These officers were installed at the second business session which was held at Levering Hall on the next day, March 29, 1900 at 10 A. M. The young organization was immediately confronted with difficulties when it was disclosed that neither the President, the two Vice-Presidents nor the Corresponding Secretary could possibly be present. However, the meeting was taken in charge by Mrs. Albert Sioussat who, under all circumstances, was calm and capable, expressing her thoughts in exquisite English and serving as an inspiration to "go and do likewise" for the less happily endowed of her audience.



ELIZABETH KING ELLIOTT *
 (Mrs. William M. Elliott)

Founder and First President of the Arundell Club of Baltimore
First and Fourth President
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
 1899-1901 and 1912-1914

* Deceased May, 1914.

The President's address was read by Miss Adelaide Nutting, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses. Miss Nutting was introduced by Mrs. Sioussat as "one who, by her efforts for the Army Bill had done so much toward raising the standard of womanhood among nurses in the army" (in the Spanish-American War of 1898). The address, according to the minutes, was a broad and comprehensive statement of the aims and aspirations of the Federation. Mrs. Ellicott dwelt especially on the benefits of organization and gave advice and counsel to the gathering. She said: "Women who join a club merely for the social features are generally disappointed—the best club women are those of assured social position or those who are indifferent to it." Speaking of the basis upon which clubs are formed, Mrs. Ellicott said, "Men's clubs are formed upon that of congenial tastes, common interests and concerted action. Women are beginning to realize this fact and are instinctively turning to their club associations, not on a plane of social equality but of community interest." Mrs. Ellicott felt the clubs could do much in dealing with the problems of the "kitchen and the laundry, with sanitary diet and the education of children, as well as the numberless problems that go towards the making of a happy and comfortable home."

Speaking of the difficulties confronting a new organization, Mrs. Ellicott thought the lack of knowledge of the personnel composing it was perhaps the greatest. She then naively said, "The indifferent woman may be aroused to active interest, but the clever woman without adaptability, and the reformer, obstinately insisting upon her reforms with no regard to existing local conditions are the ones to be most dreaded."

In the work of the Federation, Mrs. Ellicott said there were two dangers to be avoided—"the predisposition to look after individual club interests to the exclusion of the realization that the Federation is, in itself, a distinct organization with duties and aims of its own, and the tendency of the modest, timid majority to be intimidated by a more active minority." Mrs. Ellicott closed her address by asking the Federation to have a broad ideal of "State benefits rather than local interests."

The address was so enthusiastically received that it was decided to have it printed and sent to the various clubs. One wonders just how this was financed as the Treasurer had declared the treasury *empty*. Considering means of acquiring funds gave rise to a discussion which, in view of recent problems of the Maryland club women, is of interest now. A suggestion having been made for clubs to volunteer to pay their yearly dues *at once*, the "right of delegates to pledge their clubs was questioned," with the result a plea was sent to each club for its decision. The cost of that first annual meeting was exactly \$29.11. The Frederick Art Club had the honor of being the first club to pay in its dues, thus showing that the artistic could also be practical.

At first, four standing committees were formed: Education, a Reciprocity Bureau and Printing, a committee on Traveling Libraries and a committee on Club Organization. The combined object of these was obviously to assist the clubs comprising the Federation by giving them access to material for study and research, as well as to further the formation of new clubs.

FIRST YEAR'S HISTORY AND WORK OF STATE FEDERATION

In the Year Book for 1900-1901 the following report was made by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran:

At the First Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs held in March 1900, the Federation consisted of nineteen clubs, numbering twenty-one hundred women, and was represented at The Annual Meeting by thirty-four delegates.

In March 1901, at the Second Annual Meeting, it numbered twenty-six clubs, representing twenty-six hundred women, having forty-six delegates.

During the first year, one Club withdrew, and eight clubs entered the Federation. Of all the twenty-six clubs now forming the federation, fifteen are Baltimore City clubs, four suburban clubs, and seven are from the State at large.

At the request of the Executive Board, the President issued in the Fall of 1900 a circular letter calling the atten-

tion of the clubs throughout the State to the various lines of work which she considered worthy of the endorsements and support of the Federation.

The following Standing Committees were appointed during the year; Education, Reciprocity, Bureau and Printing, Organization of Clubs, and Traveling Libraries.

Special committees; Revision of the Constitution and Resolutions.

The State Federation was admitted into General Federation April, 1900, and delegates were appointed to attend the Fifth Biennial, held in Milwaukee, June 4 to 9, 1900.

The necessity for increasing the funds of the State Federation has been keenly realized by the Executive Board, and ways and means have been much discussed in the meetings. Resolutions looking to the achievement of this end were recommended by the Board, and sent to the federated clubs for their consideration, with the announcement that this matter would be brought up in the form of amendments to the By-laws at the Annual Meeting.

At a meeting of the Executive Board, held February 15, the President of the Federated Clubs were invited to be present and cooperated with the Board in making arrangements for the Annual Meeting, which was held March 27 and 28, 1901.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, which the Woman's Club of Kensington gave notice they would propose at the Annual Meeting, were carefully considered by the Board and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, with recommendations that an Advisory Council of Club Presidents be appointed.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

By MISS ANNA HEUBECK, *Chairman*.

The Educational Committee of the Maryland Federation, consisting of six members was organized in May, 1900.

Its first undertaking was to look into the educational work of similar committees in other States, and the conditions existing in Maryland. The results were embodied in a circular letter sent out to the clubs in December, 1900, containing information and suggestions with regard to University Extension, Maryland Historical Records, Traveling Libraries, and Compulsory Education.

After this the Committee turned its attention to the subject of Manual Training. It was found that the Maryland School Law makes liberal provision for Manual Training throughout the State, but that comparatively few Counties have availed themselves of the appropriation that can be secured for this purpose. By the advice of Mr. Stephens, State Superintendent of Education, letters were sent to County Boards of Education, asking for outlines of the work done in those Counties in which Manual Training has been introduced, and, in the case of other Counties calling attention to the State Aid that may be secured. Interesting accounts were received of the work in Baltimore, Harford, Prince George's, Kent, Talbot, and Montgomery Counties.

Next, in order to find out what educational work is done by the clubs in the Federation, a letter asking for full information was sent to the twenty-six clubs.

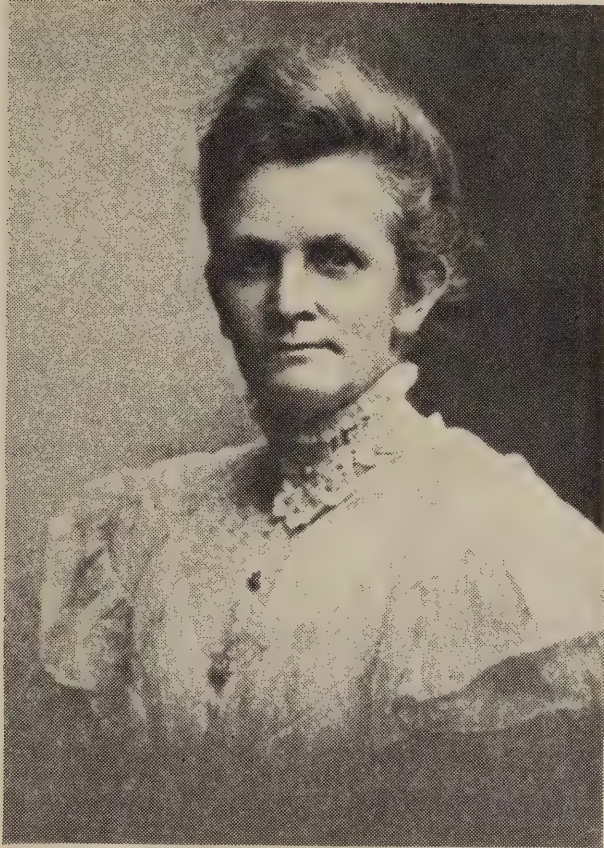
REPORT OF RECIPROCITY COMMITTEE

The Reciprocity Bureau was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Benjamin Corkran who issued a bibliography giving a "list of publications to be loaned, distributed, or purchased at cost price by clubs." Mrs. Corkran and her committee did not attempt to prepare "papers" for the club women, but tried to assemble material other than the usual *Encyclopedia Britannica* as a source of information for them. The bibliography issued in 1900 listed over 100 publications under these headings: Household, Science, Literature, Art and Music, Club Work, League for Social Service, Philanthropy, Village Improvement and Civics, Club Constitutions, Reports and Pamphlets, Talks on Household Science, Helps for Study Clubs, Traveling Libraries, and Peabody Tour Recitals.

BEGINNING OF TRAVELING LIBRARIES IN MARYLAND

Mrs. Charlotte Newell, chairman of the Traveling Library Committee, herself, gave the following description of the efforts of the committee:

"The first Traveling Libraries in Maryland were sent out in 1900 in Cecil County by the Hytheham Club of Port Deposit, then under the



CHARLOTTE NEWELL *
(Mrs. M. A. Newell)

First President of the Hytheham Club of Port Deposit, 1894-1911
Chairman of the First Traveling Library Committee of
the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, 1900-1921

* Deceased, April 3, 1941.

presidency of Mrs. M. A. Newell, (Charlotte Newell). They consisted of two cases, each containing forty volumes of miscellaneous literature of good repute. These books were donated by the members of the Club and were circulated in the County. Interest in Traveling Libraries was thus created and stimulated. At that time they had gained considerable importance in some of the mid-Western States (notably Wisconsin) and in parts of California and much information as to their methods was obtained from these sources.

Upon the organization of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, the Hytheham Club promptly united with that body, its paramount motive in so doing being to establish library work in the rural sections of the State, which, by reason of their remoteness were debarred from city libraries. The women of the State Federation were imbued with the energy and perseverance that achieve success, despite obstacles. In this matter they recognize no such word as 'fail'. The library idea became popular at once and the Library Committee was one of the earliest to be appointed, with Mrs. Newell as its Chairman.

A Bill was drawn up under the technical direction of Mr. John M. Carter, whose wife was an earnest worker in the cause. This Bill was introduced in the legislative session of 1902 through the necessary committees in both Houses. It was a veritable dynamo to the conservative members of those assemblies; that the State should even be *asked* to spend money for *books* for people to read was an absurdity not to be considered. The Federation workers spent most of their time for weeks striving to accomplish their purpose; they labored in season and out; they attended public meetings and held private interviews; they presented irresistible arguments on the value of good reading and the duty of the State to provide for its citizens, etc.

Strange to tell the audacity of the measure tended to popularize it. Women and men from various parts of the State espoused the cause. John Walter Smith, then Governor, lent his influence; John M. Carter, Jr. an able newspaper man and others of that craft proved the efficacy of the pen.

After days and weeks of pilgrimages to Annapolis and in wearisome labor, the Bill was passed legalizing the traveling libraries, appropriating \$1000 annually for their support and appointing a Commission of four (two of whom to be women) and the Librarian of the Enoch Pratt Library and the State Superintendent of Education as *ex-officio* members, to organize and control. This Commission, the Bill required, should be appointed biennially by the Governor.

The Commission organized and began its labors. The work seemed colossal; with \$1000 books had to be purchased, cases made for them, and numerous expenses incident to handling and transportation to be met. There was no money to pay rent, and, at the solicitation of Dr. Bernard Steiner, the Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Library provided a habitat for the cases and a meeting place for the Commission.

In a comparatively short time thirty-five traveling libraries were in the field, each containing forty volumes; history, biography, poetry, fiction, philosophy being judiciously apportioned. The libraries were enthusiastically received and their circulation increased, but the work grew. As soon as possible a professional helper was secured and there was no backward step. Their sphere was enlarged and now embraces all phases of library work and is in the hands of Miss Adeline J. Pratt who is finely adapted for her varied duties. Mrs. Newell has never left the Commission; Dr. Joseph H. Apple of Hood College is its President."

FIRST REPRESENTATIVES TO G. F. W. C.

The Maryland Federation was admitted to the General Federation of Women's Clubs in time for Maryland to have

representatives at the Milwaukee Biennial in June, 1900. The following delegates and alternates were the first to be honored for the duty of representing their State in the General Federation:

DELEGATES

Mrs. William Ellicott
Mrs. William Appold
Mrs. G. W. Sadtler
Miss Katherine Pierson
Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Jr.

ALTERNATES

Mrs. Albert Sioussat
Mrs. E. J. Hartshorn
Miss Gertrude Lanahan
Miss Brayshaw

The Board soon became actively interested in the needs of the State Federation as well as in questions of public interest. One of the first problems was the question of finance. As one member expressed it, "If we desire an energetic, efficient State Federation we must be willing to pay for it." It was thought a total of \$100 annually would be sufficient!

JANE ADDAMS ADDRESSED THE ARUNDELL CLUB

The interest in the Consumers' League, which started in the Federation through the Woman's Club of Roland Park about 1900, was destined to become an all important phase of its work. Mrs. Benjamin Corkran, a member of the Woman's Club of Roland Park was in the audience when Miss Jane Addams spoke in Baltimore at the Arundell Club. Miss Addams told of the plight of women and children in industry and explained what the Consumers' League was doing to help better the unspeakable conditions prevailing in industrial life in general as well as in the so-called "Sweat shops." Mrs. Corkran was so deeply impressed by Miss Addams' account of conditions and so interested in the aims of the League, that she immediately instituted

plans for the organization of a committee in the Woman's Club of Roland Park to work along these lines. When the project was presented to the State Federation it was endorsed and a State Committee was formed. Miss Florence Kelly, Secretary of the National Consumers' League, advised the Maryland club women and warned them against receiving funds for the work from any of the merchants or manufacturers whom they might or might not investigate. Mrs. Kelly, was the leading speaker at the morning session of the State Annual Meeting, where she aroused the women to great efforts on behalf of the unfortunates working under the great handicaps prevailing at that time.

The work of the committees soon attracted wide-spread interest and received the endorsement and support of leading economists of the Johns Hopkins University, including Dr. Jacob Hollander and Dr. George Barnett. The latter afterward became president of the "Baltimore Branch of the National Consumers' League" which was formed a short while later.

Factories were inspected and all which complied with the necessary conditions as defined by the League, were permitted to attach to the garments they produced a label signifying their satisfactory status. These labels were furnished by the League. Besides insisting on proper conditions for factory and store workers and for those doing some work for factories in their own homes, the League had for its aims a limit for the hours of work and the regulation of child labor. Retail establishments that were found complying were reported on the "white list" and the women were urged to patronize these shops and to select the garments bearing the label of the Consumers' League.

The "purity of the press" and the need for a Woman's Club Department in the daily papers were early given much consideration, a vigorous protest was made against "medical advertisements which offend the modesty of women," and the suggestion was made "to influence and cultivate public taste to demand only what elevates and refines." When the Ballot Bill was presented for discussion the characteristic conservatism of the period was evidenced by a hasty scurrying to other and less frightening topics.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

From the records of the Second Annual Meeting held on March 27, 1901, several items of interest were gleaned. The luncheon, which cost the club women twenty-five cents each, was served free to the delegates. Resolutions came to the fore at this time and many interests were represented, including the practical as well as the sentimental. One topic which was much discussed and which was given a special speaker on the program was a "plea for Curfew Law." It was, however, destined to be marked "lost" when the *ayes* and *nays* were counted. Resolutions which met the approval of the body included those favoring "only the best and purest of all daily papers in our homes", one tending to the "spiritual elevation of parenthood", the work of the Consumer's League and an industrial department in our schools.

Mrs. Ellicott, who had long been in poor health, found it necessary to tender her resignation as president on December 7, 1901. Mrs. Albert Sioussat was the unanimous choice for that office, and Mrs. M. Lanahan was chosen as vice-president—the post having been vacant since Mrs. John T. Graham's resignation in April, 1901.

Invitations to hold the Third Annual Meeting in one of the counties now came to the Board from Kensington and from Charlestown, Maryland. The Board, however, felt it better to keep these meetings in the city rather than "go to the country during March." Charlestown was having an Exposition and not only wanted to be host to the young Federation, but also asked for an exhibit from the clubs of the State. Though the invitation for the annual meeting was not accepted, Mrs. Sioussat appointed a committee for the "Charlestown Exhibit" and a very creditable one was arranged. It included exhibits from the trained nurses, from the secondary schools and a collection of articles of Colonial Maryland which Mrs. Sioussat, herself, arranged.

Enthusiastic co-operation resulted in a contribution by the Federation of \$100 toward the salary of Miss Friday, the probation officer of the newly organized Juvenile Court.



ANNA LEAKIN SIOUSSAT
(Mrs. Albert Sioussat)

*Member of the Arundell Club of Baltimore
Second President of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, 1901-1909*

Welfare legislation met with approval and support, but Suffrage was still too radical for the majority of the members—in fact the Women's Suffrage Association was declared ineligible for membership on its application to join the State Federation. However, years later, this same State Federation drafted a Bill for "Jury Service for Women," and sponsored it at Annapolis—but this is anticipating another tale.

The question of placing the Federation on a dignified financial basis was an early worry and a long one. Its money cupboard was mostly like that of Old Mother Hubbard, decidedly "bare," but the Board agreed "that while it appreciates the devotion of the officers as heretofore manifested in their liberal donations of all postage required, it believes in the principle that the expenses should be met from the treasury of the organization."

CHARLES J. BONAPARTE ADDRESSES THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

When plans for the Third Annual Meeting occupied the attention of the Board, it was decided to stop the free luncheons for the delegates and to have only such a program as could be afforded by the "limited amount in the treasury." The committee made a happy choice of speakers in its selection of Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte for the meeting of March 19, 1902. Mr. Bonaparte afterward became a national figure when he served as Secretary of the Navy and later, as Attorney General.

"Civil Service Reform" was the subject of his address and also of a resolution, for it was felt that "woman's duty now involved a recognition and acquaintance with these important matters, feeling she could create public sentiment in favor of such movements and assist the cause by influencing the men of her own family." Permission had been granted the Woman's Club of Roland Park to arrange an exhibit of goods bearing the label of the Consumer's League, and the merits of the duly labeled voluminous muslin underwear of that period was the subject of much interest and discussion.

Seven resolutions were adopted by the Federation during the Third Annual Meeting.

Resolution No. 1 "endorsed the Consumers' League movement and pledged the Federation to appoint a committee to act in forming a Maryland League." No. 2 "resolved that the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs pledge its influence to promote, 'as far as in its power' (this phrase was an amendment), the purification of the Press by personal appeal to local editors." No. 3 endorsed the "Anti-Spitting Bill"; No. 4 endorsed the work of the Johns Hopkins Hospital; No. 5 dealt with more humane treatment of animals throughout the State. When vote was being taken on resolution No. 6 which dealt with a School Attendance Bill pending before the General Assembly—the news was brought the Bill had passed both Houses of the Legislature that day, thereby creating "something of a stir." Resolution No. 7 was also in regard to pending legislation:

Whereas several Bills of very great moment have been introduced and are now pending in the General Assembly of Maryland, among which is the Factory Inspection Act, presented by the Bureau of Industrial Statistics, and its companion Bill asking for an appropriation of five thousand dollars to the Bureau in order that the said measure, if enacted into a law, may be carried into effect; and the Child Labor Bill, as amended in the House, providing for the fourteen year old age limit and *excepting children who are the only support of a widowed or crippled mother, or have no other support for themselves*, and

Whereas these several Bills are all in the interest of public welfare, and will, if made into laws, tend to the betterment of social conditions. Now, therefore,

Be it Resolved by this Federation that we endorse each and all of the above proposed measures, recognizing that they will prove of invaluable benefit to a large class of our people, and

Be it further resolved, that we request the members of the General Assembly of Maryland to pass *all* of these Bills and by so doing mark an era of better humanitarian conditions in their State.

At this meeting Mrs. Sioussat changed the standing committees to include several other interests and announced the following: Traveling Libraries (as before), Educational, Reciprocity Bureau (as before), Press, Consumers' League, Humane Society, and the special committees for Revision of Constitution, of which Miss Margaret S. Wier was Chairman, and for Resolutions.

After a motion by Mrs. Elden J. Hartshorn that the seventy-nine cents left in the treasury "be devoted to the purchase of a gavel for the use of the president in keeping order," the "Press" were duly thanked for their cooperation and it was soon decided that "The Sun" and "News" were the leading dailies and should be asked to give publicity to the General Federation Convention to be held in Los Angeles, California in May, 1902, to which the following delegates had been elected: Mrs. John M. Carter, Mrs. Charles M. Lanahan, Miss R. Jennie Speers, Mrs. Benjamin

W. Corkran, and Mrs. E. A. Robinson. The alternates were: Mrs. Charlotte Newell, Mrs. George W. Sadtler, Mrs. Daniel Miller, Mrs. Eli Strouse, and Mrs. William Appold.



FIRST GAVEL

This gavel was purchased by the Maryland Federation at a cost of seventy-nine cents.

MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF ADVISORY COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Advisory Council of the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs was held at the Arundell Club Rooms, 1000 N. Charles Street, at 1 P. M., on March 20, 1902, between the morning and the afternoon session of the Annual Convention, Mrs. A. L. Sioussat in the chair, and the following members of the Council present: Miss R. E. Abrens, Mrs. Charles E. Duck, Mrs. Benj. W. Corkran, Miss Cora Fisher, Mrs. M. Goldenberg, Mrs. John T. Graham, Mrs. Charles W. Lord, Miss F. M. McCauley, Mrs. E. A. Robinson, Mrs. George W. Sadtler, Miss R. Jennie Speers, Mrs. G. Lane Tanneyhill.

The Chair ruled that the requirements of the By-Laws as amended necessitate the presence of four Club Presidents not members of the Executive Board, for the transaction of business.

Mrs. E. A. Robinson moved that the Advisory Council meet three times annually: Once in the early autumn, once in midwinter or early spring, and once during the Annual Convention. Motion seconded and adopted.

On motion, duly seconded, it was decided to accept the hospitality of the Myrtle Club extended to the Federation, and hold the next meeting of the Advisory Council at its rooms, 312 St. Paul Street.

It was moved and seconded that Art. IV, Sec. 3 of the By-Laws, on the appointment of a nominating Committee by the President, beginning with the words, "In each year preceding the year for holding the triennial election, etc.", be construed to mean, "During the year preceding the triennial election, etc." Adopted.

It was moved and seconded that at its next meeting the Advisory Council take into consideration the Constitution of the Federation, with a view to the interpretation of dubious points.

Adjourned.

The Maryland Federation gave co-operation to "that movement for holding meetings all over the world in commemoration of the Peace Conference at the Hague." They did their part most effectively to "present the dreadful economic waste and moral wrong resulting to the nation at large from war" by arranging and holding with great success, a large meeting at McCoy Hall on the evening of May 15, 1902.

During the Convention at Los Angeles in May, 1902 the General Federation made appointments of Maryland club women to important posts in its body. Mrs. John M. Carter of the Lend-a-Hand Club of Mt. Washington was appointed to the Board of the General Federation, and this was followed in 1903 by the appointment of Mrs. Sioussat to the Forestry Committee and of Mrs. Benjamin Corkran to the Civic Committee.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

An invitation had been extended to the Federation by the Lend-a-Hand Club to hold the Fourth Annual Meeting at Mt. Washington, but the Board decided the Federation was not yet on a basis to warrant the removal of its Annual Meeting from the city. Mt. Washington seemed such a distance at that time. At this meeting clubs were urged to join the General Federation and the first three to take this step were: Lend-a-Hand, Nucleus, and Kensington.

M. F. W. C. FOUNDERS HONORED

Recognition of the founders of the Maryland Federation was considered and resulted in conferring the office of Honorary President on Mrs. William M. Ellicott, the first State President, also on Mrs. John T. Graham, as "the pioneer club woman in the State to whom the Federation owed a debt of incalculable gratitude" in recognition of her work as originator and founder.

Arundell Hall had now been outgrown by the Federation and larger quarters had to be found for the Annual Meetings. Headquarters for the State Federation were thought



MRS. JOHN M. CARTER *

Mrs. Carter, member of the Lend-a-Hand Club of Mt. Washington, was the first Maryland woman to be appointed to serve on the General Federation Board, May, 1902.

* Deceased, December 17, 1919.

necessary as "it was not dignified for the Federation to have no place for the sole of its foot." This resulted in renting a room at 417 North Charles Street for \$125 annually. However, only one meeting was held there on February 9, 1904, the day following the GREAT BALTIMORE FIRE. The room was immediately rented to H. A. Orrick, Banker & Broker at \$25.00 per month, as a temporary location for business, his office having been destroyed. The Board decided "it was a duty to keep the business men afloat at this critical time." Mr. Orrick retained the room until December, 1905, but the Federation did not renew the lease and at the expiration of the year the place became the headquarters for the Colonial Dames, the State Federation again meeting at the Arundell Club.

WOMEN INTERESTED IN WORTHWHILE MEASURES

The Federation also gave co-operation to municipal "fire relief" efforts by offering to assist "in whatever way the authorities might deem expedient." A public meeting was held at the Arundell under Federation auspices when a fund was raised and committees arranged to advise means of help for the fire sufferers. In the midst of deciding on relief measures an invitation was received from the Woman's Club of Roland Park to hold the annual meeting at its new Club House on Roland Avenue. No doubt this offered a pleasant release from graver matters.

At this time "medical inspection in public schools" created much interest and discussion, the women being led by Dr. Lillian Welch. To such good effect was the subject stressed that later Dr. James Bosley, Health Commissioner for Baltimore, gave all credit to the Federation for the splendid progress made in this project.

Much interest now became evident in Education and in laws for school attendance and in national affairs. Active efforts were made to eliminate politics from the schools and from Child Labor enforcements, stressing a wider use of the Merit System. An earnest protest was made against electing a woman to Congress.



ANNA LLOYD CORKRAN *
(Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran)

President of the Woman's Club of Roland Park
Third President
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs,
1909-1912

* Deceased, September 8, 1937.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Fifth Annual Meeting, 1904 was held in the new club house of the Woman's Club of Roland Park. At this time the Federation was composed of nineteen clubs and the status of the treasury was very similar to what it had been in 1902, namely lacking funds so much needed to do the work that appealed, the work so necessary for progress.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

An annual meeting was first held in a hotel in 1905, when the delegates gathered at the Stafford Hotel. It was then, too, that it was decided to enlarge the scope of work and to duplicate the General Federation's Committees in the State work. No doubt impetus was given to this decision when Mrs. Sarah Platt Becker, then President of the General Federation, visited Baltimore during November of that year.

Mrs. Sioussat retired from the presidency in April 1909, during the Tenth Annual Meeting when the Federation numbered thirty-nine clubs, with a membership of over four thousand women. Mrs. Sioussat was made an Honorary President and Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran was elected President, which office she held until 1912.

In the winter following Mrs. Corkran's election, Maryland was again honored by a visit from the President of the General Federation when Mrs. Philip North Moore came to speak to the club women. The affair became a "gala occasion" when a breakfast, in her honor, was given at the Arundell Club on December 14.

MAYOR BARRY MAHOOL ADDRESSED GROUP

However, the "Breakfast" for Mrs. Moore, interesting as it was as to food, was not considered an important part of the affair. In the afternoon Mayor Barry Mahool was introduced as "the first Executive of Baltimore to honor the Women's Clubs by his Presence." He pleased his audience by saying it was perfectly right for women to meet together and discuss public questions. "Woman," he said, "has a great work within the home, but she has a greater work without in preserving the home."



MRS. SARAH PLATT DECKER *

Mrs. Decker was the first General Federation President to visit Maryland, November, 1905.

* Deceased, July 7. 1912.



MRS. PHILIP NORTH MOORE *

Mrs. Moore was the second General Federation President to visit Maryland, December 14, 1909.

* Deceased, April 28, 1931.

THE QUESTION OF SUFFRAGE

Although the Federation felt the welfare of the schools required a woman on the School Board and endorsed Mrs. William M. Ellicott and Mrs. Daniel Miller for the post in January, 1910, the advisability of introducing the suffrage question into the annual program was disapproved by over two-thirds of those attending the meeting, though Mrs. Ellicott defined suffrage and put an entirely new "face on the matter." The question of suffrage was never popular and notwithstanding endorsement by the General Federation, in the Maryland Federation the women were not especially enthusiastic, even when on November 4, 1919 at a semi-annual meeting at Cambridge, Mrs. William Milnes Maloy, in her address on "Ratification of the Suffrage Amendment and the League of Women Voters" declared: "The fight for suffrage is practically at an end and Maryland women will vote in 1920."

HONORS FOR FLORENCE TRAIL AND LIZETTE WOODWARD REESE

Literature was still of paramount interest to the majority of the clubs. In 1911, in an inter-state literary contest, second prize was awarded to Miss Florence Trail of Frederick, Maryland. The topic of her winning essay was, "The Origin of Italian Literature." Professor Henry E. Shepard found the work of Miss Trail of such fine quality that, in a letter to *The Sun*, he proposed her name, as well as that of Lizette Woodworth Reese (in 1931 Miss Reese was elected Poet Laureate of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs), for the "Temple of Womanhood," which he felt would assume definite form in the City of Washington. Speaking of Miss Trail, he says, "In the harmony of prose our lady of Frederick stands alone among the women of her native State, and in the sphere of historical research, to which she has devoted her bounteous and versatile requirements, she maintains an eminence which has no parallel in American authorship. Her *History of Italian Literature* enjoys rare distinction as the sole work of its kind produced by an American writer and may be regarded as the most scholarly creation ever wrought by the hand of an American



MISS FLORENCE TRAIL

Frederick, Maryland

*Won First Inter-State Prize Literary Contest in 1911
Miss Trail was a member of the Frederick Female Seminary
Alumnae Club*

woman." This work is available to the clubwomen at General Federation Headquarters in Washington, so we can all enjoy what Professor Sheppard spoke of as the "penetrating scholarship" and "grace of style" of our Frederick authoress and fellow clubwoman.

CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP—SIXTY-EIGHT CLUBS

In 1911 the Federation numbered sixty-eight clubs with a membership of six thousand women, and one hundred delegates attended the twelfth annual meeting. The growth had been so definite a committee was appointed to consider its future policy. A very clear record of this "growth" is found in the Year Book of 1912 containing the reports of Mrs. Corkran, her officers and her committee chairmen. In her address Mrs. Corkran said she had visited many parts of the State "in spite of the bad roads for which our State is noted and the inaccessibility of some of our county towns," and had encouraged the formation of new clubs.

DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIC AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS

In 1911, for the first time, the semi-annual meeting was held outside of Baltimore or its suburbs when the Federation gathered at Kensington. The "policy," in spite of a suggested change seems to have accomplished an important piece of work which had its fruition "when the Governor set his seal to the Bill" which became the State Compulsory School Attendance Law, and which was recognized as a Federation measure. The organization also lent support and co-operation to such measures as Child Labor Law, Ten Hour Law for Women, appropriation for a new State Normal School, etc.

The question of Motion Pictures received the attention of the Civic Committee under Mrs. Hester Dorsey Richardson, and the Board endorsed the Committee's resolution "to direct our efforts toward creating a public sentiment for more chaste and wholesome plays and pictures, and to lend our influence toward the appointment of a censorship committee in Baltimore with power to suppress objectionable performances." Besides Civics there were now also committees on Health, Civil Service Reform, Education, Food

Sanitation, Household Economics, Conservation, Industrial and Social Conditions, Legislation, Literature, Traveling Libraries, Club Extension and Press, showing the development of activities and interest.

Mrs. William M. Ellicott was again at the helm of the Federation from 1912 to 1914 and Mrs. Edward C. Wilson from 1914 to 1915. In 1914, Mrs. William A. Ellicott, as president presented a "Legislative Budget" to the clubs stating "our effort has been to promote and protect the interest of women in Maryland and to make our support of legislation at once radical and conservative." She requested the clubs "if these Bills appeal—to see your legislative representatives and senators and urge upon them their passage and endeavor to educate public opinion and popularize the interests involved."

The "interests involved" were Compulsory Education in Maryland, Maryland School for Girls (delinquent), Tree Planting and Preservation of Roadside Trees, Reorganization of the Board of State Aid and Charities, Annual Appropriations for Maryland Agricultural College (in view of the fact that provision shall be made that the courses shall be open to women on the same basis as men)—and, finally the Minimum Wage Bill of the Consumers' League. This Bill defined a "Commission of three to investigate wages paid to women and minors in any occupation in which it has reason to believe the wages are less than living wages."



MRS. PERCY V. PENNYPACKER *

Mrs. Pennypacker was the third president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to visit Maryland

* Deceased. February 4, 1938.

The following facsimile of the program of a luncheon of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting held in 1912 reveals the story of that event:

**Maryland State Federation
of
Women's Clubs
Thirteenth Annual Meeting**

**Mrs. Phillips Lee Goldsborough
Guest of Honor**

**Luncheon
Baltimore Country Club
April 26, 1912**

Speeches

Honorary President Mrs. Albert Sioussat

The American Miracale Mrs. Jacob Moses

Yet herein were they great,
That they conceived a deeper rooted state,
Of hardier growth, alive from rind to core,
By making man sole sponsor of himself.

James Russell Lowell

The Club and the Community

Mrs. Max Kamen

Say not the struggle naught availeth,
The labor and the wounds are vain.

* * * *

Look: while the tired waves vainly breaking
Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back through creeks and inlets making,
Comes, silent, flooding in, the main.

Arthur Hugh Clough

The Vanishing Lady Mrs. Edward C. Wilson

In her air.

There was a something which bespoke com-
mand,
As one who was a Lady in the land.

Don Juan

Speeches

Moving the Mountain Miss Julia Rogers

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,
ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove
hence to yonder place; and it shall remove;
and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Matthew xvii, 20

The Female of the Species Mrs. Frank I. Pattison

"That's nothing to what I could say if I
chose," said the Duchess.

Alice in Wonderland

Clothes Mrs. William M. Ellicott

Clothes give us individuality, distinctions,
social polity * * * they are threaten-
ing to make clothes screens of us.

Sartor Resartus

The Real Mother Dr. Lilian Welsh

Posterity is always the paramount issue.

Charles H. Grasty

Westward Ho! Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran

"The time has come" the Walrus said
"To talk of many things;
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and kings."

Through the Looking Glass

Menu

Jardiniere of Fruit

Clam Broth Uncle Sam

Spring Radishes **Queen Olives**

Salted Almonds

Crab Flakes en Coquille

**Broiled Spring Chicken on Toast with
Water Cress**

New Green Peas **Bermuda Potatoes**
Hollandaise

Fresh Asparagus Vinaigrette

Strawberries and Ice Cream
Fancy Cakes

Cafe Noir.

A Facsimile of the Program of a luncheon of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting.

Maryland State Federation
of
Women's Clubs
Sixteenth Annual Meeting

Luncheon

Baltimore Country Club
April 22, 1915

A Medley

The Leader - Mrs. Albert Sioussat

A Swan Song - Mrs. Edward C. Wilson
Le Roi est mort.

The Present Moment - Mrs. Francis Sanderson
Vive le Roi!

"My Ain Countree" - Mrs. G. A. Hadsell
"I lift in gratitude my eyes,
To Him who's made me what I am:
A child of Good Old Uncle Sam!"

John Kenderick Bangs

Fine Feathers - Mrs. James Nathan

"Dowdiness is a mark of defective vitality.
The highest fashion is always intensely
alive."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

A Message From a Far Country Mrs. Philip Welker

"If you've 'eard the East a callin' why you
wont 'eed nothin' else,
But them spicy garlic smells,
An' the sunshine an' the palm trees an' the
tinkly temple bells."

Rudyard Kipling

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Menu

Grape Fruit Supreme

Spring Radishes Queen Olives Salted Almonds

Crab Flakes Encoquille

Braised Breast of Chicken with Virginia Ham
New Potatoes Hollandaise
Fresh String Beans in Butter

Hearts of Lettuce—Egg Dressing
Saltine Wafers

Strawberry Mousse

Lady Fingers Macaroons

Demi Tasse



MISSOURI WOLLEN SANDERSON *
(Mrs. Francis Sanderson)

President of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, 1910-1915
Sixth President
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
1915-1922

* Deceased September, 1923.

WAR RELIEF PROJECTS "WHOLE-HEARTEDLY" SUPPORTED

Then came the seven-year incumbency of Mrs. Francis Sanderson which embraced the war period—that period of readjustment when all women's club activities were submerged in war work and the Federation gave very definite co-operation to various relief projects. Miss Alice Tiffany, Director-at-Large, as State Directors were then called, brought an inspiring message from the General Federation Executive Board Meeting in Chicago, 1918, finding "the women whole-heartedly not for any State or section alone, but for their country."

The General Federation planned a War Victory Fund to provide and support American women administering to the needs of the soldiers at furlough homes. These had been established by the Government as rest houses for the soldiers in France. A fund of \$200,000 was to be raised and a unit of one hundred women sent to France to minister to the soldiers at the rest camps. Each state was asked to send its quota of money and applicants. The Maryland Federation gave active support to the plan and two Maryland girls, Miss Henrietta Hagerty and Miss Frances Troxell, were members of the General Federation Overseas Unit. They afterward told of their experiences "over there" at the annual meeting in 1920. Miss Hagerty writes as follows, about their work overseas:

"The privilege of representing the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs was indeed a great one. We left in February, 1919, on the French steamer, 'Lorraine,' a group of twelve in our blue and gray uniforms with armbands and hat insignia of the Y. W. C. A. and Federation in red and blue. First to Paris, still in war-time plight, where we were assigned to our posts. Mine was a little town across the river from Coblenz-on-the-Rhine, Neiwied, headquarters of the 3rd Corps, 1st., 2nd. and 32nd. Divisions. Soon the Army and Y. W. C. A. established a leave area to which one thousand men came every three days. The Americans had small groups of soldiers in tiny villages all through the country and it was cold and snowy and rainy and they were homesick and more than ready for a little "home touch." We had a large "Hut" and a German school building for quarters. In the hut we danced and played games, sat around the fire-places, had gallons of hot chocolate in the afternoons, food on the counter in the canteen and cozy times in the library where there was also a fire-place. Comfortable chairs and couches, bright lights and cretonnes made it home-like for those who wanted to be quiet, and a German orchestra and an American band gave us plenty of music—classical and otherwise. I wish the club members could have seen the change in those men after three days of leave!

My special work in the Spring was helping to get started the picnics to old castles and many spots way back in the country. We also went on the steamers which took the men up and down the Rhine. We moved about from group to group, sometimes lunching with the officers or among the men—often finding some boy who needed such “special cheering up” that you felt you have been especially meant to find him. There was enough to fill a book—life was *vivid*, but the most thrilling moment came at the end. One night in the midst of a dance, came the order—“All 2nd Division men be ready to move in twenty minutes with full packs”! Off they went. All troops moved up to the edge of neutral territory, guns and ammunition rumbled by, the French lancers clattered through the town late at night, air-planes circled everywhere, Y. W. C. A. girls all rushed, bag and baggage, to our hut ready to cross the Rhine—and then the “Signing of Peace” and “Homeward Bound.”

The State Federation was active, too, in local war measures, taking up the work at the two community Kitchens established, one at Locust Point and one at Fells’ Point, by the Women’s Section, Council of Defense, of which Mrs. Edward Shoemaker was chairman. Ten city clubs gave voluntary assistance and enough money was raised to keep the kitchens in good running order for six months, or until July, 1919. Before July, however, the Locust Point school was burned and some of the most valuable equipment lost. The utensils saved were cared for and when it was found impossible to obtain another building at Locust Point for a kitchen, they were taken in charge in June by the Junior League.

The questions of thrift, food conservation, Americanization, and illiteracy which were paramount during war time received their share of attention from the club women, while the “Flu Epidemic”—that horror that stalked with the war—was responsible for postponing the semi-annual meeting of October, 1919.

The following is a facsimile of a program for a luncheon meeting held during the Twentieth Annual Meeting:

LUNCHEON

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FOURTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

Presiding Officer:

MRS. ALBERT SIOUSSAT, - - - - - *Honorary President*

PROGRAM

MARYLAND

With apologies to Kipling

God gave all men, all earth to love
But since our hearts are small
Ordained for each, one spot shall prove
Beloved over all.
Each to his choice and I rejoice
The lot has fallen to me.
In a fair land—in a fair land
Yea, Maryland by the Sea.

NORTH

Aspiration - - - Mrs. Henry M. McCulloh, Cecil County
"Whither! oh! whither, oh! whither-so high?
To sweep the cobwebs from the sky." —*Mother Goose*

SOUTH

Inspiration - - - Miss Roselle P. Handy, Worcester County
"Every one feels instinctively that all the beautiful
sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely
action." —*James Russell Lowell*

EAST

Dreams - - - Mrs. J. Pearre Wantz, Carroll County
"Here in the East—the Golden East
We dream of the things we would do." —*Anonymous*

WEST

Realities - - - Miss Elizabeth L. Lowndes, Allegany County
"But out in the West—the crimson West
The dreams of the East come true." —*Anonymous*

MIDDLE GROUND

Reconstruction Mrs. H. B. Ingersoll, Prince George's County
"Ah love! could you and I with fate conspire
To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire.
Would we not shatter it to bits, and then
Remould it nearer to the Heart's Desire?" —*Omar Khayam*

Close to the Heart of the Nation - - - Mrs. Geo. E. Ladd,
Montgomery County
"Out of the heart are the issues of Life." —*Proverbs*

Clothes - - - Mrs. James W. McCready, Dorchester County
Women's clothes—women's clothes
What a world of work and worry do the very words
disclose.
From Eve's little one green leaf how they've mul-
tiplied and grown.
Furs and feathers, silks and satins, lace and ribbons,
we must own—
And we puzzle and we plan. "Do we do it for a
Man?"
"Or—to beat the other women, if we can, if we
can?" —*A Baltimore Woman*

FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING ON "THE SHORE"

Gradually the club women gave their attention to returning to club work after the war lapse and a large delegation attended the postponed semi-annual meeting held at Cambridge on November 4, 1919. A number of the club women from Baltimore traveled by boat whose erratic schedule, due to war-time irregularities, landed them at the Cambridge wharf at 3 A. M., before the dawn of the November day and while the Eastern Shore was still asleep and only dreaming of the interesting events planned for the visitors. However, these temporary discomforts of the early arrivals were soon forgotten and the meeting was found enjoyable and helpful. Governor Harrington was one of the speakers and he urged the women "to use their power for good in the readjustment period." Perhaps "the power for good" was evidenced in their eagerness for a bit of reform, as the question of racetrack gambling received the attention of the Board which formed a committee to consider the question.

MRS. BUCHNER URGED EDUCATIONAL REFORMS

In 1915 Mrs. Edward Buchner began to lead the club women in very active work in education. At the Twenty-second Annual Meeting, May 4, 1921, as Chairman of Education, Mrs. Buchner gave a report reviewing a period of six years filled with hard work which the committee, under her leadership, had attacked with such vision and enthusiasm as well as with knowledge and understanding, that their story is of great interest and their result, an inspiration.

In her "swan song," as Mrs. Buchner calls her sixth and last annual report, she said—"Public Education in Maryland is in a far better and far different condition than it was six years ago." When the Committee undertook its work it found an optional school attendance law in existence. Six counties were specifically exempt from the provisions of even this poor law, and only nine were making any effort to observe it. In 1915 the Committee had issued a pamphlet setting forth some of the facts. In a concise manner this leaflet gave startling information, including the

statement that since 1900 Maryland had steadily ranked 32nd among the 48 States in the percentage of illiteracy of native whites, ten years of age and over; also that of the children whose names had been enrolled on the school registers, nearly 55,000 had disappeared from the actual school room. These facts, together with the statistics showing the conditions in the six counties which were exempt from the optional law, presented a forceful argument and added to the growing sentiment of public dissatisfaction with conditions.

In the latter half of Governor Goldsborough's term a commission was appointed to arrange for a survey of the elementary schools of the State. The comprehensive School Bill which the General Assembly passed in 1916 was based upon this survey. Then the Education Committee had some real work to do, for almost immediately desperate efforts were made to set aside the splendid law. Mrs. Buchner had a committee chairman in each county, whom she seems to have inspired with her own enthusiasm, while Mrs. Daniel Miller's interest in the project was manifest in many different ways. A very effective contribution to the success of the work was the opportunity for round table discussions. This came about when, after each annual meeting, Mrs. Miller entertained Mrs. Buchner and her committee at a luncheon to which she also invited leading educational authorities such as Dr. Abraham Flexner, under whose direction the survey had been made, Dr. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education, the Governor of the State, State and County Superintendents and other interested persons. Problems and plans discussed under these conditions and contacts received impressive attention and undoubtedly strengthened the determination of the women to prevent any tampering or suspension of their new law. The effort to interfere with this law was perhaps partly the outgrowth of the World War when the cry for increased production was raised, and the opponents of the compulsory school attendance bill were prompt to demand, at least, its suspension "to release the school children for farm and factory work."

The frustration of this "demand" was due largely to the efforts of the Education Committee, but their effective campaign drew scathing criticism from some of the irate non-

sympathizers who accused the club women of "trying to run the State" and called them "idle rich women" who "never were mothers and never caressed anything lawfully except a poodle dog." The chairman laughingly said "this sort of thing has been all part of a day's work."

Another important accomplishment which this energetic committee had to its credit was the establishment of School Improvement Associations throughout the State. By means of these Associations a more sympathetic understanding was created between school authorities and patrons, and many needed accessories were provided, including "physical improvements in schools and grounds, equipment for instruction and recreational and inspirational community gatherings with marked benefit not only to the school but to the community spirit of solidarity." Mrs. Buchner was justly proud of securing the appointments of properly qualified women on the city, county and state school boards, and though she must have realized the scope and importance of her work, she closed her report by saying, "In every County in the State there is much to be done—in every one there are barren spots and primitive conditions, but in the words of one of our members: 'Where the people are interested there is hope for the schools.'"

In Frederick County an experiment in Community organization had been started. This was called "The Friends' Creek Project," and received the support, both moral and financial, from the Federation. "Friends' Creek" was the name of a settlement of about thirty families in a remote section of Frederick County. Its inaccessibility and its attendant lack of opportunity combined to give the section not only a high rate of illiteracy, but lack of proper food and sanitation brought its hand-maiden, tuberculosis. Discovered—if we might use the word—by two trained social workers, Miss Margaret Newman and Miss Beulah Weldon, its needs were apparent to them immediately, and plans for the improvement of the community were devised. Dr. Howard Kelly became interested and the State Federation bought a pump and, with Dr. Kelly's aid they also purchased a cow. Miss Weldon re-opened school sessions and the work went on until communication was established with

the rest of the county in 1924. This was effected by a road built into Friends' Creek, followed by bus service for taking the children to Sabillasville to school and so establishing that much needed contact with advancement, for the underprivileged district. The home occupied by Miss Newman and Miss Weldon was sold in 1924 and the money still in the Federation's Friends' Creek Fund was used to defray the expenses of a Frederick High School girl.



MRS. THOMAS G. WINTER

Mrs. Winter was the fourth president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to visit Maryland. She addressed the State Convention, May 4, 1921.

The Historian regrets such a brief report of the six years' arduous work of the Education Committee under Mrs. Buchner's leadership, but hopes she has given some impression of an achievement which drew attention from all over our country. Requests came from North, South and West from educators and organizations for a description of the methods used and for copies of the different leaflets and pamphlets used by the Committee in furthering their program of school improvement in Maryland.

PLANS FOR DISTRICTING COMPLETED

Programs of organization itself now called for attention. At the semi-annual meeting, held at College Park on October 28, 1920 a tentative plan was presented for geographical grouping of the counties into districts, "thus bringing the clubs into more intimate contact," also "to facilitate work, stimulate local interest and to promote club extension." The plan for districting was included in the Constitutional Revisions and adopted at the Twenty-second Annual Meeting held at Osler Hall on May 4 and 5, 1921. The scheme was finally completed in April, 1925 by the entrance of the Fourth District. The divisions now numbered six and were divided as follows:

First or Northern District:—Garret, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Howard, and Harford Counties.

Second or Eastern Shore District:—Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties.

Third or Baltimore District:—Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

Fourth or Southern District:—Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties.

Fifth District:—Montgomery County.

Sixth District:—Prince George's County.

MOTION PICTURE MENACE DISCUSSED

At the Twenty-second Annual Meeting our old friend "The Moving Picture Menace" was the subject of an address by Dr. Clifford Gray Twombly whose suggestion of Boards of Censorship, we are told, was followed by *interesting discussion*. On the same evening Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, then President of the General Federation, when speaking on the topic, "Our America" said, "the law-abiding spirit is needed more than law."

As the districts were formed and organized more of their work was recorded in the State minutes and greater general interest was evidenced. But the "districting" also presented problems and the question of clubs joining a District, and not the State or General Federations, proved confusing

and was pondered for many years. On December 1, 1922, Mrs. Winter wrote the following opinion on the question as it then stood: "Personally, I think it unfortunate to allow a club to belong to a District without joining the State Federation. We (the General Federation) do not permit a club to join the General Federation unless it is a member of its State organization, and the principle is the same." Universal Membership with its per capita dues, covering membership in District, State and General Federations finally seemed to offer a solution—but too, this is another story.

CONFERENCE WITH MARYLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Pleasant interludes interspersed these problems. An outstanding one was found in the Pan-American Conference held in April, 1922. This Conference was sponsored by the Maryland League of Women Voters, ably assisted by the members of the Maryland State Federation. Women delegates from "all the Americas" came to Baltimore and were greeted in "attempts at Spanish" by the city women who had studied the language besides planning the meetings and arranging the entertainment of the many visitors. The Conferences were intensely interesting and attracted such large crowds that the auditorium on the Century Theatre roof, where the meetings were held, was often inadequate and overflow meetings were held at the Belvedere Hotel. A luncheon with a record attendance was held at the Belvedere, the guest of honor being none other than Lady Nancy Astor. Club notables and club women by the score and by the hundreds thrilled at the contacts of the interesting personalities who were attending the Conference.

Mrs. John F. Sippel who was chairman of the Maryland Convention Committee for this Pan-American Conference, was congratulated by many state officials on the success of the Conference. She received the following letter from the president of the National League of Women Voters:

May 6, 1922

My Dear Mrs. Sippel:

You must be relieved now that the responsibility for the business management of that great convention of ours is over, though I dare say there are many details yet to be attended to. Your task was a very important and exacting one—but we all felt that you were truly equal to it.



LADY NANCY ASTOR *

*Guest of Honor at Pan-American Conference
Sponsored by Maryland League of Women Voters and
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Baltimore, April, 1922.*

*Lady Astor and her husband were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Garrett while in Baltimore.

Let me express once more, not only for myself but for the Board and the general membership of the League, the appreciation and gratitude we all feel for what you and your immediate helpers did.

Trusting that you believe with us that the results justified the effort, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MAUD WOOD PARK,, *President*
National League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Sanderson finally closed her long services as president, at the Twenty-third Annual Meeting, May 10-11, 1922, when Mrs. John F. Sippel was elected president. This meeting was reported to have cost \$667.96, which was quite an advance over \$29.11 of the one of 1900.

MARKED INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Sippel remained in the office of president from 1922 to 1926, and during this period the number of clubs in the Federation grew from seventy-nine to one hundred and twenty. Perhaps of all the newly federated clubs none created more interest than the Mutual Improvement Association of Sandy Spring which was organized in 1857. At the time of joining the Federation it was about the oldest club in the country and Mrs. Sippel's account of her visit there always entertained and delighted her audiences.

On May 3, 1923, the Baltimore American carried the following head-line: "Mrs. John F. Sippel, head of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, is a member of the Committee named by Governor Ritchie to investigate the agricultural situation in the State."

The following quotations are taken from a letter to Mrs. Sippel dated May 2, 1923 signed by Albert C. Ritchie, Governor:

"Dear Mrs. Sippel, In pursuance of the resolution passed by the Conference on agriculture held in Annapolis on January 26th, last, I am appointing a committee to work out a program for this State to adopt, either by legislation or otherwise, for the advancement and development of agriculture and of all interests allied thereto. . . .

It gives me much pleasure to ask you to serve upon this Committee, and to express the hope that you will give the State the benefit of your experience and counsel in this important service." . . .

The Maryland Federation and friends of Mrs. Sippel felt deeply indebted to the Governor for thus having recognized the Federation and the ability of this leader of womanhood of Maryland.



BETTIE MANROE OURSLER SIPPEL

President of the Sorosis Club of Baltimore, 1910-1917
Seventh President

of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
1922-1926

President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs,
1928-1932

Dedicated to Mrs. John F. Sippel

OUR PLEDGE

Words by MINNIE HICKS

Music by JEANNETTE GRAHAM

With spirit

For Mar - y - land, Our Mar - y - land, For
In church and school and court and street May
We guard thy homes, O Mar - y - land, Thy

all we hold most dear, For God and Home and
truth and jus - tice reign, With love and mer - cy
com - ing years to bless, With cit - i - zens be -

Right we stand, With loy - al heart and wil - ling hand, The
ming - led sweet; May hap - pi - ness and la - bor meet In
neath whose hand Thy state shall grow, thy life ex - pand And

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fu-ture vis-ioned clear.
 tru-est, nob-lest gain. A wo-man's heart, a wo-man's hand, A
 good shall rule suc-cess.

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wo-man's con-stan-cy, In un-ion strong, O

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Mar-y-land, We pledge to Right and thee.

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MRS. SIPPEL OUTLINED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The *high spots* of her administration, Mrs. Sippel outlines by saying: "It was during these four years that the Endowment Fund was started. It was also during this period that the State Loan Scholarship came into being. The State Club Song, the words of which were written by Miss Minnie Hicks of the Associated Blind Women of Maryland and the music by Jeannette Graham (Mrs. Chester R.) of the Woman's Community Club of Kingston, was accepted. There having been a Prize Contest, the winners of the accepted song and music were given prizes of twenty-five dollars each." The judges of the contest were Mrs. John W. Garrett, Mrs. Henrietta Baker Low, Mrs. Charles O'Donnell Mackall, Mr. Fred Huber and Mrs. John F. Sippel.

Only a short time later, at the General Federation Convention in Atlantic City in May, 1926, a State Song Contest was held and the various State groups competed for the prize—a silk American Flag. The Maryland group, under the direction of Mrs. Cleveland Smith of the Euterpean Choral Society of Easton, entered the contest and determined that the Maryland State Song "Our Pledge" should win. Mrs. Smith's knowledge and personality made an irresistible combination in the role of musical leader. After many rehearsals under her guidance, the Maryland delegates sang their song, won the favorable verdict of the judges and—the silk flag was theirs to be carried back to Maryland in triumph. No wonder music has come forward so prominently in Federation activities with such an encouraging reward.

Mrs. Sippel, in speaking of her administration, further says: "It was during this period that the Annual State Conventions were, for the first time, held outside of Baltimore—one in Frederick April 22, 23, 24, 1924 and one in Annapolis April 27, 28, 29, 30, 1926. The rural women were also given the responsibilities and honors of the same character that were given women in the city. The magazine had much consideration during this period and at Annapolis, there was much discussion and plan of work brought before the body, but the accomplishment of the magazine for Maryland was brought to pass in Mrs. Alcock's time."

The fund for a permanent headquarters in Washington was now brought to a successful close. This fund, known as "Headquarters Fund" was begun under Mrs. Sander-son, with Mrs. Daniel Miller ably taking it in charge. Maryland's pledge was \$4000 which was over-subscribed by more than \$600.

"Applied Education," Mrs. William F. Rogers, Chairman, "Community Service," under Dr. Ira L. Peters, and "Fine Arts," Mrs. John W. Garrett, Chairman, were given an impetus by their leaders and popular support by the club members. In 1923 a large bronze tablet by the well-known sculptor, Hans Shuler, inscribed with Lizette Woodworth Reese's famous sonnet, "Tears," was presented to the Western High School by its Alumnae Association, and this honor to our Baltimore poetess, for many years a member of the high school faculty, shows a continued interest in literature.

That Civics, however, was receiving much attention was evident at the board and council meeting held at the Woman's Club of Roland Park in October 1923. There were more than one hundred women present—department chairmen and club presidents from all over the State—and the keynote of the meeting was "Know your community, know your State, and know your State laws." Topics of discussion and subjects of addresses ranged from County government and public welfare to international relations and fine arts.

Several "gala days" of the 1922-1926 period stand out sharply in club memory. One was a delightful Costume Recital for the Executive Board, club presidents and delegates to the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention on May 1, 1925. This was arranged by Mrs. John W. Garrett, chairman of Fine Arts, and was held at her private theatre at "Evergreen," her home on Charles Street Avenue. Mrs. Garrett was ever a true patron of the Arts and delighted in giving the club women an opportunity to enjoy good music. Several years later more than two hundred representatives of the Maryland Federation were again her guests. This time the entertainers were the now famous Musical Arts Quartette.

Another memorable occasion of Mrs. Sippel's term was

the tree planting on the grounds of the Executive Mansion at Annapolis. The tree was to honor Mrs. Ritchie, the mother of Governor Ritchie, and through her, the mothers of all Maryland Governors. Mrs. Ritchie requested that a cypress be selected for this purpose, so the tree, a gift of the University of Maryland, was planted by the Federation. After the ceremony, the two hundred women attending were entertained at the Executive Mansion by a tea and musicale, a feature of which was Joyce Kilmer's "Trees," as sung by Anne Baugher Marks. So was added another leaf to the book of happy club memories.

To Mrs. J. Enos Ray of Hyattsville was assigned the task of compiling the Maryland Home Equipment Survey. This survey was in co-operation with the Home Survey Plan of Mrs. John D. Sherman, President of the General Federation. Although Mrs. Sherman's plan had been endorsed by the Executive Board of the State in June 1923, it was not until nearly three years later, in April, 1926 that Mrs. Ray was able to give what she termed "preliminary results" covering twenty-six towns in eleven of Maryland's twenty three counties. She covered the general topics of "Available Community Facilities," "Means of Communication Between the Home and Outside World," and "Availability of Music and Books in the Home." The results made interesting reading then, and perhaps would be even more so now after the perspective of a few more years.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SANDERSON

Mrs. Francis Sanderson, who had served the Federation so faithfully and so long, died in September, 1923. In the records of September 18, 1923 we read the following: "The high ideals and the excellent service of Mrs. Sanderson have made her life a shining example and a bright star of guidance to all who may come after. With these thoughts in mind the Executive Board adopted the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Francis Sanderson has rendered to this community the highest degree of personal service, and

WHEREAS, her life has been an example of untiring effort and endless pursuance of the betterment of womankind, and

WHEREAS, her memory will always be an inspiration toward higher service to those who follow,

BE IT RESOLVED that expressions of sympathy be sent to the bereaved family and be spread upon the minutes of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs."

“HANDS ACROSS THE SEA”

The Maryland Federation reached its “hands across the sea” in 1926 in affiliating with the American Woman’s Club of Paris. This affiliation entitles any Maryland club woman to the courtesies of the Paris Club for a short period and has undoubtedly added greatly to the pleasure of many of our touring Maryland women.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting, the last one of Mrs. Sippel’s term as State President, was held in Annapolis in the House of Delegates Chamber. It was then the honor of naming the Loan Scholarship was awarded to the Eastern Shore District, Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, president, as a reward for the largest contribution to the fund. The name selected was “The Bettie M. Sippel Scholarship Fund” in honor of the President during whose term it was begun and successfully carried forward.

Since the growth of the Federation was accomplished by expanding interests, resolutions on diverse topics, dear to the hearts and hopes of the club women, began flooding the meetings. It soon became evident some curtailment must be effected. The plan selected, however, was a bit too “effective” since it permitted no resolution to be submitted at the annual meeting unless approved by a two-thirds vote by all clubs beforehand. The clubs were slow responding, hence there were no resolutions. This still causes discussion as the women are beginning to realize that endorsement carries obligation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. ALCOCK’S ADMINISTRATION

On the afternoon of the third day of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention, Mrs. John L. Alcock was elected President of the Maryland Federation. The new State president was past president of the Woman’s Club of Roland Park. In response to the invitation of the Woman’s Club of Roland Park, the Federation voted to hold its board and council meetings there. At this club house are also kept the files of the Federation and the two magnificent silk flags—one a gift to the Federation by Mrs. J. Charles Linthicum on April 27, 1926, and the other “Our Pledge” Song prize won in Atlantic City.



EDITH ALLEN ALCOCK *
(Mrs. John L. Alcock)

President of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, 1923-1926
Eighth President
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
1926-1930

* Deceased May 13, 1939.

One of the objectives of Mrs. Alcock's administration was the completion of the \$10,000 Endowment Fund started during Mrs. Sippel's term. The interest from this Fund was intended to help finance Federation work, but, according to the rules, would not be available until the fund was completed. The goal was not quite attained, but an encouraging total of \$7,776.93 was announced. Although a bit disappointed, perhaps, at falling short of the desired \$10,000, still Mrs. Alcock felt she had seen a "steady broadening and strengthening of the foundations of the Maryland Federation," and that the organization was, at least, on the road to "financial independence," while it had attained a "greater unity and effectiveness by means of the State Magazine."

THE STORY OF "MARYLAND FEDERATION FORESTS"

If one regretted the slow progress made toward completing the Endowment Fund, one had quite a different opinion of another and smaller fund known as our State Forest Fund, which came about in the following way: Mrs. James Hopper Dorsey, State Chairman of the Division of Conservation, learned from Mr. Besley, State Forester of Maryland, of a tract of forest land in Garret County which was available at the low price of two dollars an acre. This tract, adjoining the State camp site in Garrett County, is situated in one of the most beautiful sections of our picturesque Western Maryland. Mrs. Dorsey, always quick to see any opportunity for conservation activity, formulated plans for its purchase for the "Maryland Federation Forest" and sent letters to this effect to the clubs of the State Federation asking them for contributions. These letters were sent during November, 1929 and met with an immediate and overwhelming response. Exactly six weeks after the notices had been mailed a check arrived which carried the total over the three hundred dollar mark, and this later was increased to a little over three hundred and twenty-five.

After several conferences between Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Alcock and Mr. Besley it was decided to purchase suitable tracts in different parts of the State, so that ultimately, there would be Maryland Federation Forests in Western



MRS. JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

Mrs. Sherman was the fifth president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to visit Maryland.

Maryland, in Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. Full responsibility for the care of these would rest with the State Department of Forestry, but they would be known and marked as "Maryland Federation Forests." Mrs. Dorsey hopes the Federation will develop them for camp sites and give the clubs members the opportunity of delightful contacts with the benefits and resources of our State.

THE GROWTH OF THE STATE MAGAZINE

The State magazine, another of Mrs. Alcock's cherished hopes, developed in a wonderful way. From its first gallant effort as a four-sided leaflet, boasting but one advertisement on the back page, and presented by Mrs. Henry S. Frank, publicity chairman, after a Herculean task, it became an outstanding achievement. *The Maryland Club Woman*, ranking practically first of all state magazines, is nothing short of a triumph. It is truly a tribute to the efficiency of Mrs. Isaac T. Parks, Jr. the first editor and to Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, business and Subscription manager, who so ably carried on under Mrs. Alcock's encouragement. These women set the standard and showed the way which is being maintained by its present corps of workers. Subscribers—that paramount need of any magazine project—were obtained very satisfactorily by means of a contest which was started at College Park in 1928, the various prizes totalling \$500. These were awarded on the competitive basis of the number of new subscribers obtained by any one club, and were awarded as follows:

- \$100 Woman's Club of Roland Park
- \$75 Neighborhood Improvement Club of Govans
- \$75 Progress Club of College Park
- \$65 Woman's Club of Glyndon
- \$40 Woman's Club of Relay
- \$40 Cumberland Civic Club
- \$15 Jessup Literary Club
- \$15 Chillum District Study Club
- \$15 Baltimore Sorosis
- \$15 Brantwood Club
- \$15 Study Club of Lanham
- \$15 Decatur Heights Housekeepers' Club
- \$15 Woman's Club of Westminster.



*Picture Purchased with \$100.00 Prize Awarded to
The Woman's Club of Roland Park*

Picture shows a part of room in Club House.

The contest brought in about two thousand new subscribers. A later effort toward further increase was not so successful. This method consisted of a rebate to the individual club treasury of 50% on all subscriptions from its members.

The magazine was so well financed under Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, with the assistance of Mrs. Isaac T. Parks, Jr., Mrs. Henry S. Frank, and the encouragement and co-operation of Mrs. John A. Alcock, that not only were all the bills paid—including \$500 in debts—but the Directories for 1928 and 1929 were financed, \$500 given in prizes (as noted above), \$171.50 given as rebates, but, greatest of all, a check for \$1,500 was presented to the State Endowment Fund.

WOMAN'S SPHERE *

By C. E. BOWMAN

They talk about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit;
There's not a place on earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe,
There's not a whispered yes or no,
There's not a life, or death, or birth,
That has a feather's weight of worth,
Without a woman in it.

*This poem was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, February, 1930.



“FLAG”

PRESENTATION TO GENERAL FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS OF AN AMERICAN FLAG BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs to Honor their Director, Mrs. JOHN F. SIPPEL, of Baltimore. *Left to right:* holding the flag, Mrs. GRACE MORRISON POOLE, *recording secretary* of the Federation; Mrs. H. G. REYNOLDS, *treasurer*; Mrs. JOHN D. SHERMAN, *president*; Mrs. SIPPEL; Mrs. JOHN McCABE, *director* from Delaware; Mrs. JOHN L. ALCOCK, *president* of Maryland, who made the presentation speech.

G. F. W. C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING*

JANUARY 9-13, 1928

A large American flag has been presented to the General Federation of Women's Clubs in honor of Mrs. John F. Sippel, General Federation Director from Maryland, Chairman of Finance, and candidate for President of the General Federation. The formal presentation by the President of the Maryland Federation, Mrs. John L. Alcock, took place during the meeting of the Board of Directors.

This gift will be especially appreciated as the General Federation has no large flag suitable for outside display on national holidays and other gala occasions, of which the capital of the nation has an unusually large number. The first national holiday on which the flag will be flown will be Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1928.

MRS. JOHN F. SIPPEL ELECTED PRESIDENT G. F. W. C.

When thinking of Mrs. Alcock's administration, it is impossible to forget an event of outstanding interest—the election of Mrs. Sippel as president of the General Federation. Mrs. Sippel had been able to acquire a very thorough knowledge of the national organization by virtue of her various offices in connection with it. As director for Maryland, and her corresponding place on the General Federation Executive Board, she was given, she says, “a deeper knowledge and a greater responsibility.” As chairman of resolutions of the General Federation she gained “a greater understanding of the vision and desires of the organization,” while as chairman of finance she received “first-hand knowledge as to how these desires and plans were being carried out.” In view of all these opportunities for amplifying her qualities of leadership, it is not surprising that Maryland presented the name of Mrs. John F. Sippel for President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This was inaugurated during the Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting on a motion made by Mrs. J. Enos Ray, President

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MRS. JOHN F. SIPPEL

Maryland's own Bettie Sippel was the sixth president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to visit Maryland. Mrs. Sippel spoke at a State Institute on Finance held in Baltimore in 1931 and addressed the State Convention, April 14, 1931.

of the Sixth District, Maryland Federation, and the motion was "many times seconded all over the house." Mrs. John G. Price, Jr. was the energetic campaign manager and soon had the club women working to place their co-member at the head of the General Federation.

Funds were raised; songs were written for the occasion and sung on *all* occasions. To the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland" we sang:

O, Bettie Sippel is our choice
From Maryland, our Maryland.
To all that's good she lends her voice
In Maryland, our Maryland.
She's never failed her work to do
She's just and fair and always true,
The highest gift is now her due
From all the land and Maryland.

To the tune of "Dixie" we had:

Oh, we're for Bettie Sippel
We are! We are!
From Maryland she takes her stand
We're all right back of Bettie,
Hooray! Hooray!
Hooray for Bettie Sippel.

Similarly, "The Sidewalks of New York" and other popular airs served as patterns for various campaign songs.

EARLY DAYS*

by ANNA CARROLL MCKEWEN

Tribute to Mrs. John F. Sippel

(The following is a contribution from an old friend of Mrs. John F. Sippel's, and one who has known and loved her since early childhood. It is such a charming and spontaneous tribute that we are glad to print it in its entirety.)

Once upon a time, not so very long ago either, there lived in Baltimore a group of girls—with their parents. Their home was near one of our City Parks, and only three or four blocks from the woods. All of the sisters, there were six, were noted for really fine complexions. We know now, that they were attractive children, but in those days (Bettie

* This tribute was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, February 1928.

was seven), little thought was given to texture of skin, still less to the long line of American ancestors who formed a background for this fine family.

Although next to the youngest, Bettie soon began to take notice, and assert her personality. At a time when all girls were wearing bangs and curls, her hair was brushed straight back from her face, showing the courage of her conviction that this way suited her best. This independent spirit soon made her a leader in all the sports undertaken by the youth of the neighborhood. Courage is a fine attribute and when coupled with determination betokens leadership. Nearby were the woods, where one could climb, jump and run, and gain intimate knowledge of trees, ferns and birds, and her summers were spent in the country which she so dearly loved. These early opportunities inspired Bettie years afterwards to instill a love of nature into the receptive mind of her own daughter.

These girls led a normal, happy life. Each had her allotted share in the home-making. There was no thought of shirking duties assigned by a wise mother. There were no drones in that busy home. Thus was laid the foundation for the systematic manner of handling affairs—so characteristic of Bettie Sippel's later life, and which helped more than anything else to make her the fine executive she is.

Courtesy and hospitality were the rule of the home. Each sister had a chum or two who haunted the house. Boys and girls were welcome. Any friend who happened in was invited to share the appetizing meal, be it the simplest or most formal occasion. One heard the mother say in matter-of-fact tones, "Put on another plate for Norah." The family gave of their best—hospitality, friendship and graciousness. The kindly mother exercised protecting care over visiting girls—as well as her own. When one was about to leave reluctantly, after dark, this gentle woman, beloved of all who came under her influence, would say, "Wait a moment, two of the girls" (and later, "one of the engaged couples") will walk home with you." And none demurred.

Upon one occasion, the officer on his beat paused in front

of the house. "Who lives there?" he asked. "I always like to pass this house. Someone always singing inside."

From the chrysalis of childhood these young people emerged into youth. Friendships were formed, many and lasting. Each sister had her own special admirer. Sunday nights were memorable occasions. So many couples in one family were the nucleus of quite an imposing party. The mother was ever the centre of influence. I hope and believe she is now receiving a mother's recompense.

It is rare and beautiful when, after many years of life, an habitué of that home can write this article in all sincerity as a friend.

TAKE WHAT GOD GIVES *

By B. Y. WILLIAMS

Take what God gives, O heart of mine
And build your house of happiness.
Perchance some have been given more;
But many have been given less.
The treasure lying at your feet,
Whose value you but faintly guess,
Another builder, looking on,
Would barter heaven to possess.

Have you found work that you can do?
Is there a heart that loves you best?
Is there a spot somewhere called home
Where, spent and worn, your soul may rest?
A friendly tree? A book? A song?
A dog that loves your hand's caress?
A store of health to meet life's needs?
Oh, build your house of happiness!

Trust not tomorrow's dawn to bring
The dreamed-of joy for which you wait;
You have enough of pleasant things
To house your soul in goodly state:
Tomorrow Time's relentless stream
May bear what now you have away;
Take what God gives, O heart, and build
Your house of happiness today!

* Poem used by Mrs. John F. Sippel in closing her talk on "Building for Happiness." This poem was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, February 1928.

HONOR TREES*

A festive-feature of the Annual Meeting at College Park last May was "Tree-Planting." On the third day of the Meeting, Mrs. J. Enos Ray, at that time president of the Sixth District, arranged for the planting of three trees on the Campus of the University of Maryland. The planting was an innovation for an Annual Meeting, and because of the beauty of the setting and the perfection of the early spring day will long be remembered.

The trees were "Honor Trees," and were planted as part of the new landscape project of the University.

There was the "Mary Sherman Tree" in honor of Mrs. Sherman who for four years guided the destiny of the General Federation, and who because of her love and work for trees is known as the "Tree Lady." That tree is one of many planted throughout the length and breadth of this country in honor of Mrs. Sherman and is a fitting acquisition to the "Mary Sherman Forest."

The second tree honors our own Mrs. Sippel. At the time of planting Mrs. Sippel was Director for Maryland, but now holds the office of president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and her plans for the Federation reflect credit upon herself and upon Maryland.

The third "Honor Tree" was for Mrs. Alcock, who as president of the Maryland Federation has proved her worth to her state and to the General Federation, and who has won and held the love of her co-workers. Mrs. Alcock was present at the time of planting and, at Mrs. Ray's request, planted her own tree.

On behalf of the University, Dr. Pearson accepted the gift of the "Honor Trees" graciously and gratefully, and thanked Mrs. Ray and the Sixth District for the thought and generosity represented in the planting.

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MARYLAND DELEGATES IN TEXAS

Texas is a long distance away, but in 1928 Maryland sent twenty-four delegates there to the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to support her candidate. On June 6 at midnight, word was flashed from San Antonio, from weary but triumphant constituents, announcing the victory of Maryland's "Bettie Sippel." Thus, for the first time in twenty-four years the President of the General Federation came from the East.

THE NINETEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS*

San Antonio, Texas, May 28-June 7, 1928

The largest state in the Union, the most historic city in the state—San Antonio, Texas, was a magnificent setting for the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and for the election of our own Mrs. John F. Sippel to the presidency of this great organization.

Mrs. Sippel won the hearts of all by her graciousness, her adaptability to all occasions and by the breadth of her understanding. Her poise and personal magnetism attracted the delegates and contributed largely to her selection as their President.

The "Maryland Dinner" to Mrs. Sippel represented the most distinguished gathering of officers, past-officers and prominent women from the various states that assembled during the Convention at a formal dinner. The scene of this social function was held in the Patio of the Menger Hotel with Mrs. John L. Alcock presiding, and Mrs. Speel, president of the District of Columbia, toastmaster. Under her guidance there was not a dull moment. The toasts and talks scintillated with wit and wisdom. Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker, Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, Dr. Clara B. Burdette, Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg, and Mary Garrett Hay

* This report of the Convention in San Antonio, Texas, was written by Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas, Director from Maryland at that time, and was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, October 1928.

extolled Mrs. Sippel, and the dinner resolved itself into a regular campaign rally.

The close and climax of the Convention was "General Federation Presidents' night." . . . Mrs. Sherman, radiant in a gorgeous gown of black, embroidered in crystal, assisted by her two vice-presidents, Mrs. ----- White and Miss Florence Dibert, presided for the last time of her term of four successful years as president of the General Federation. . . Then came the dramatic number on the program—the presentation of the new officers.

When Mrs. Sherman presented the newly elected President—our own Mrs. Sippel—there was a round of applause as with clasped hands the President and President-elect saluted each other.

Mrs. Sippel then stepped forward, and in her dignified manner praised the closing administration, emphasizing especially its accomplishment of the improvements in the "American Home." She then added: "Shall we not step out of the home into the community and during the next two years concentrate our best energies and efforts toward the advancement and enrichment of the community life of America? We have, during the past four years, stressed necessary improvements in the material side of home life; now as we give consideration to the community life of our Nation, let us emphasize the Cultural aspects of living and that real enrichment of the individual—the community and the nation through spiritual development."

After the singing of "Now the Day is Over," Mrs. Sherman declared the Nineteenth Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs adjourned.

MRS. SIPPEL PRESIDES OVER COUNCIL

The first General Federation meeting over which Maryland's Bettie Sippel presided was the Council Meeting held in Swampscott, Massachusetts, May 27 to June 1, 1929. In her message to the delegates assembled, Mrs. Sippel used these words, "Our common goal is the enrichment of life through a better understanding of human relations." The club women were so impressed by the thought and deep

meaning behind those words that upon a motion from the delegation from Georgia which was unanimously seconded, this sentence was adopted as the guiding thought for the Federation and was printed at the top of the stationery.

Mrs. Alcock's administration closed at the Thirty-first Annual Meeting held at Salisbury, Wicomico County, and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst was elected President. The next Historian will have many interesting reports to make of her administration, for we now close our tale and pass the pen to her hands to continue the record of the efforts and the aims, the problems and accomplishments which, we trust, will ever be towards PROGRESS for the group of women comprising the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. If accomplishments have seemed negligible at times, we must not forget the characteristics of the period of organization when, in view of the widespread prejudice to women's clubs, any organization of Women's Clubs at all was an achievement in itself. There was, for a time, but little fertile ground in which to sow the seed of club activities, and women acknowledged, with bated breath and furtive side glances, their sympathy with the project. The years have borne fruit in developing a more open mind and a more sympathetic understanding and co-operation towards the advancement of woman's place in the burdens and responsibilities of her city, state, national and international obligations, and have convinced her that though her "home" is paramount, her leisure is a serious problem for which she needs the training and the equipment that her club contacts with their broader horizons can give her.

THREE GATES *

By MRS. M. L. STANLEY

If you are tempted to reveal a tale someone has told to you about another, make it pass, before you speak, three gates of gold,—three narrow gates. First—Is it true? Then—Is it needful? In your mind give truthful answer, and the next—Is it kind? And if to reach your lips at last it passes these gateways three, then you may tell, nor fear what the result of speech may be.

* Published in *The Florida Clubwoman*, 1929.



SARA A. WHITEHURST
(Mrs. John L. Whitehurst)

Member of the Woman's Club of Roland Park
Ninth President
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
1930-1932

The Administration
of
MRS. JOHN L. WHITEHURST
1930-1932

“From door-keeper at a State Federation Convention to the presidency of the Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs.” This was the record of the new president, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, who during the nine years prior to her election as president in 1930 had served the organization successively as door-keeper, chairman of ushers, subscription manager of *The Maryland Club Woman*, the official magazine of the Federation; business manager and editor of the same magazine, and as corresponding secretary.

The new president brought to the office a business acumen which was rather unique. During her term as business manager of the magazine, Mrs. Whitehurst was responsible for financing the magazine and increasing it from a four page paper to a forty page magazine with a colored cover. Just before her election she turned over to the State Endowment Fund \$1500, leaving a surplus of \$1000 to carry on the work in her own administration.

WORTHY OBJECTIVES

The first objective of the new administration was to place the Federation on a firm financial basis, because, due to lack of an adequate income, it was greatly handicapped. The new president proposed that the Endowment Fund be completed and that Universal Membership be adopted. To quote the president, “The Endowment Fund was created so that interest derived therefrom could be used to carry on the work of the organization. This fund was started in 1923, but the interest cannot be used until the full amount of \$10,000 is raised. We still need \$2,219 to complete this fund.”

In reference to Universal Membership Mrs. Whitehurst said, “Universal Membership really means belonging universally to all of the Federations—the General, State and

District. The above two projects are absolutely necessary for the successful future of the State Federation. At present almost every other State Federation has a per capita method of dues. We wonder why other States can accomplish so much—frankly—it is because they are adequately financed. No organization can retain its dignity, nor its power to do good, when it relies upon the generosity of its officers and chairmen to finance its running expenses. You must realize that although it is commendable for the officers and chairmen to pay expenses which should be carried on by the organization, it takes from you the privilege of placing capable women in these offices who are unwilling or unable to assume the financial burden.”

Universal Membership as proposed to the clubs of Maryland was as follows. The clubs were to be divided into three classes: Class A. or Active Membership; Class B. or Associate Membership; and Class C. or Affiliated Membership.

Class A. members would pay fifty cents per capita, through which payment the clubs would obtain membership in the District, State and General Federations. Any club eligible to membership in the Federation would be eligible to Class A. membership.

Class B. membership would consist of clubs which pay dues in another State or National organization; or auxiliary organizations engaged in educational, patriotic or welfare work; and of civic organizations with a membership of over 1,000 persons.

Class C. membership would consist of County Federations organized before 1928 and of State and National organizations. A State or National organization which desired, could, upon payment of required dues, become eligible to Class A. or B.

This type of membership would materially raise the income of the State and District Federations.

CLUB INSTITUTE ON FINANCE HELD

In order to stimulate interest in the necessity of a better financial set-up, the president spoke before most of the clubs in the Federation. A meeting was arranged and

presidents from other State Federations were invited to participate in a Club Institute on Finance, to inform Maryland women as to how the plan functioned in their states. Those present were: Mrs. Valentine B. Fischer, Colorado Federation; Mrs. John A. Frick, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Julian G. Hearn, West Virginia; Mrs. R. K. Rambo, Georgia; Mrs. Jonathan B. Carter, Kansas; Mrs. John F. Sippel of Maryland, then president of the General Federation, and two General Federation Chairmen, Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar and Miss Julia F. Jaffray attended and spoke.

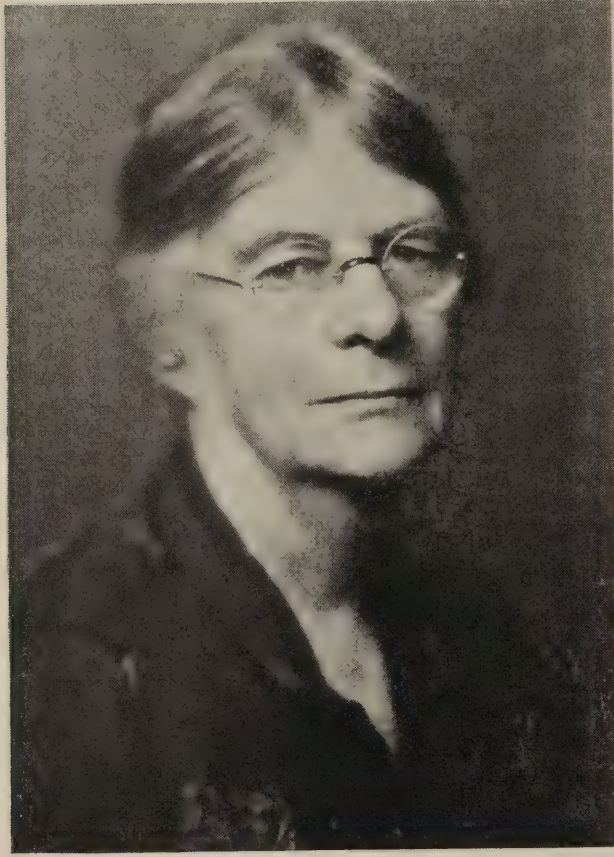
To encourage a large attendance the president invited Miss Ellen Wilkinson, a member of the British Parliament, to be the luncheon speaker. Her subject was "Problem of World Unemployment." One thousand women were present, the largest meeting ever held in Maryland up to this time, with one exception, the Pan-American Conference, which was held in 1922.

Due to this educational program on Universal Membership, the Maryland Federation voted the following year to adopt this new method following the outline as proposed. Although it increased club dues exceedingly in some cases, members heretofore paying twenty dollars per year to the State Federation would now pay two hundred and fifty dollars, it placed the District and State Federations on a firm financial basis. The fifty cents per capita was divided in the following manner: ten cents to the General Federation; twenty cents to the State Federation; ten cents to the District Federation; and ten cents to *The Maryland Club Woman*.

To complete the Endowment Fund a prize contest was conducted under the supervision of the chairman, Mrs. Wirt Harrison of College Park. Three prizes were offered to the Districts raising the largest amount of money per member. The first prize was \$50; the second \$30 and the third \$20. The success of this contest and the contribution of \$279.36 from the treasury of *The Maryland Club Woman* more than completed the Endowment Fund.

INNOVATIONS MARK ADMINISTRATION

There were several innovations during this administration. Radio broadcasts were inaugurated and via this med-



LIZETTE WOODWORTH REESE*

*Poet Laureate Maryland Federation Women's Clubs
1931-1935*

Poet Laureate General Federation Women's Clubs

* Deceased, December 17, 1935.

ium all Federation programs were sent out, not only to club women, but to thousands of women who never had time to attend club meetings. W.C.A.O. of Baltimore allocated this time gratis to the club women.

The Federation had never appointed a Poet Laureate and at this time the honor was extended to Miss Lizette Woodworth Reese and she accepted. Miss Reese had taught for forty-five years in the public schools of Baltimore; twenty years had been spent at the Western High School as teacher of English Literature. She was a member of the Poetry Society of Maryland; honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa of William and Mary College; and on April 24, 1931 received the degree of Doctor of Literature from Goucher College. She had been awarded the Shelly Memorial Fund Prize—\$800 because of her outstanding literary prominence.

THE STRANGE OLD DOOR *

By LIZETTE WOODWORTH REESE

Cowslips blow in the grass,
Young, shaking by a wall,
Enough for a child's hand;
Held loosely, one may fall.

Cowslips, but all too few,
About the strange old door;
This scarcity of spring
I have known before.

That scrolled wood, that dulled lock—
Yet I know naught at all,
Except the cowslips there,
Young, shaking by a wall.

By what right of blood,
By what dreams at the start,
By what lost sills come I,
By what break of the heart?

For back I am again
With the same weight to bear,
To the small abandoned gold
Cracking in the pale air.

I think what once I thought;
I say what once I said;
Have I not stood out here,
With ashes on my head?

* The above poem was a gift to the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs from our late Poet Laureate, Lizette Woodworth Reese.

Up until this time the Federation had not compiled a history of its activities. Mrs. Charles E. McPhail was appointed as Historian and during this administration recorded the events which took place during the years from 1899 to 1930.

FEDERATION PUBLISHES FIRST HANDBOOK ON LEGISLATION

A "Hand Book for the Study of Legislation" was compiled by the chairman of Legislation, Mrs. Eugene E. Stevens of Chevy Chase. This book consisted of six parts—FOREWORD; BILLS, a Sample Bill, Their Origin, Process of Becoming Law, How Supported, How Defeated; THE LEGISLATURE; Its Composition, Duties, Powers, Committees, Rules; THE GOVERNOR, His Function in Legislation; HOW TO STUDY A BILL, How to Support it, How to Defeat it; THE CLUB LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN, Her Duties.

HANDBOOK for the study of LEGISLATION

Compiled by MRS. EUGENE E. STEVENS, *Chairman of Legislation*

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

First Edition 1932

FOREWORD

Interest in legislation, if club women are to be well informed and useful, should not be occasional and spasmodic, just when Congress and Legislatures are in session, but rather a constant activity, important because of its vital bearing on everyday life.

Perhaps many will wonder why women should be interested in legislation. Perhaps many women consider legislative matters dull, obscure, all cluttered up with verbiage, smeared with politics. But legislation is simply the act of making laws, and laws are the recognized rules under which every one of us is governed, and which have been established by a properly constituted authority. Since ignorance of the law excuses no one, it follows that we should know something of law for our own good. If we realize that wise and impartial laws determine that communities shall be improved and human relationships properly adjusted, we can hardly fail to take an intelligent interest in the making of those laws.

In this country the people select and elect those who are charged with the making of their laws. Our first duty, therefore, is to select wisely, elect fairly, and support heartily these legislators so long as they prove worthy.

Laws may be divided into two general classes,—statutes, which are enacted by legislative bodies, and common law principles, which are emanations of judicial tribunals. Statutes result from a demand on the legislature fostered by public opinion. Common law principles are derived chiefly from custom, but also from decisions of the courts recognized as

just and expedient. Since every citizen lives under three forms of government: national, state, and local, his rights and privileges are defended respectively, by the Constitution, by statute and by the Common Law.

Suppose you wish a certain measure enacted into law, how will you go about it?

First, you must have your measure in the proper legal form, clear, definite, brief.

Second, you must have it presented through the proper channels and in the approved method.

Third, you must develop public opinion to back it up. The only way to make legislators impressed with the worth of a bill is through united public opinion coming from the people to whom the legislators owe their election. The greatest power of the Federated Women's Clubs is their unquestioned ability to influence public opinion. Show your legislators that your people are back of a measure by sending them definite votes from organizations, lists of petitioners, or strong aggregations of people demanding a hearing, and they will realize that the project is important. General statements that so many women are back of a measure leave lawmakers very cold. Like the proverbial Man from Missouri, they have to be "shown." Properly worded letters and telegrams showered upon them at the right psychological moment make an impression. The "post-card referendum" used effectively in the 1931 session of the Maryland Legislature in support of the Jury Service for Women Bill sponsored by the Federation is possibly the best method. Attending hearings and requesting hearings on a bill unquestionably help.

In order to accomplish this with least delay, it is highly desirable that there should be in every club a legislative chairman whose business it should be to pass on to her club promptly every resolution and legislative matter coming to her from the General Federation, the State Federation, the District Federation, or from any local club.

This club legislative chairman should insist that her club go on record either for or against the measure, or as not considering it, and she should at once send this data to her district chairman, who in turn transmits it to the State chairman, who sends it to the General Federation chairman. Only in this way, can real publicity and united support be won for a measure. Naturally, those measures which are wholly local in nature, are handled by the local legislative bodies, the County Commissioners, for instance. Those with State-wide significance are sent to the legislature.

Ignorance and indifference explain most of our civic evils. An alert and understanding interest in the laws under which we live can be made a valuable gift to the community of every club.

In order to facilitate the study of legislation in Maryland, the department of Legislation of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs proposes to compile and publish a brief handbook on the subject, for the use of club women, outlining the steps necessary in the drafting of a bill, the presenting of it to the legislature, its processes of enactment or defeat, how to study a bill, how to support it, how to defeat it. It will aim, in fact, to be a digest of legislative procedure for ready reference.

Most of us have time to discuss and study the relative merits of the current fashions, the newest cults, the various Contract Bridge systems. Surely we can also spare a little mental effort for the study of regulations safeguarding the health, wealth, happiness, and security of our communities.

BILLS—A bill is the draft of a law. Its form is that of an amplified resolution; stating in detail the reasons for its proposal, each reason in a separate paragraph, the whole summarized in the concluding paragraph and signed by the individuals or organizations promoting it.

FORM—Example

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), title "Juries," sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors," said new section to be known as Section 6A and to follow immediately after Section 6 of said Article, qualifying women to serve on juries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition), said new section to be known as Section 6A, to follow immediately after Section 6 of said article and to read as follows:

6A. Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a juror in this State by reason of sex, but the provisions of law relating to the qualifications of jurors and exemptions from jury duty shall in all cases apply to women as well as men, and the lists from which jurors are drawn shall include the names of men and women.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts, general or local, inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and they are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect June 1st, 1931.

ORIGIN—Bills may originate in any body of interested people, but usually come from a civic organization. Before becoming a law they must be passed by both houses of the Legislature and signed by the Governor. We should therefore understand the composition of the Legislature, called in Maryland the General Assembly.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—The General Assembly consists of a Senate with 29 members, and a House of Delegates with 119 members, each House electing its own presiding officer, called in the Senate, the President, and in the House of Delegates, the Speaker, respectively.

COMMITTEES—An important element of the Assembly is found in the committees, appointed, under the rules of the two Houses, by the presiding officers. The Senate has 31 standing committees, and the House has 35. In addition to these, there are 24 local or select committees, one for each county and the city of Baltimore, to which all bills relating to purely local matters are referred.

The chairman of the Finance Committee is the floor leader of the majority party in the Senate, and the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee is the floor leader of the majority party in the House. The floor leaders of the minority party are the candidates of that party for the President and Speaker, respectively.

PROGRESS OF A BILL—Bills may be introduced by any member and may originate in either House. A member introducing a bill must present three copies of it, with four extra titles, one for the clerk or secretary, one for the printer, and one for the Department of Legislative Reference, the titles being for the Journal Clerk and press.

All bills are read by title on introduction, and referred to the proper committee. This is known as the first reading of the bill, but committees do not consider bills until they have been printed and are on the files of every member. It is highly important that bills should be prepared with great care to comply with the rules and to see that the titles and matter are clear and meet with the requirements of the Constitution.

HEARINGS—Committees do not advertise hearings on bills, but hearings are nearly always granted when requested, if sufficient interest is manifested. Notices of committee meetings are generally announced from the floor by the chairmen of committees and if there seems likely to be opposition to it. Opponents of a bill should call for a hearing as well as the sponsors and then marshal their forces to aid or defeat it.

REPORTS—A committee can report a bill favorably, or unfavorably, or without recommendation, or with or without amendments. If reported favorably without amendments, the report is usually adopted without roll call, the bill read by title and number, this being known as the second reading, and ordered printed for the third reading. Those opposed to the bill may make a motion to lay the report on the table, to recommit it to the committee, or to send it to another committee, and on either of these motions a roll call may be demanded.

THE VOTE—If a bill is reported favorably with amendments, the question first occurs on the adoption of the amendments, the vote being usually *viva voce*, and when the amendment is adopted, the question recurs to the favorable report as amended, and if adopted, the bill as amended is read for the second time by the title and number and is ordered printed for the third reading. This takes two or three days. At the beginning of each session, the usual practice is for the Reading Clerk of the House to read the list of bills by number for the information of members, which are to come up for the third reading that day. In the Senate a typed calendar is prepared for each senator showing the bills which are on the third reading file for the day. When the bill receives the constitutional majority of 60 in the House, or 15 in the Senate, it is passed and is sent to the other House where the same procedure takes place.

THE GOVERNOR'S FUNCTION AND POWERS—It is then presented to the Governor, who has six days within which to approve or veto it. If vetoed, it is returned to the House in which it originated, with the Governor's reasons for his action, and may or may not receive further consideration. If reconsidered, it must be passed by a three-fifths vote of the entire body, sent to the other House, passed by them with a three-fifths vote, and will become a law without the approval of the Governor.

THE TIME ELEMENT—In order to prevent bills from being killed by failure of committees to report them, there is a rule that all bills introduced during the first 30 days of a session shall be reported by the committee to which they are referred not later than 20 days from their receipt, and those received after the first thirty days of the session shall be reported not later than 15 days from date of their reference.

Should a committee fail to report a bill within the time specified, any 15 members of the House or any 3 members of the Senate may present a demand in writing for the return of such bill, and such bill shall be entered upon the Journal and take its course as though reported by the committee without recommendation. This rule is rarely invoked, but it is well to know its value in case of need.

Bills which are presented to the Governor during the last 6 days of the session, or after the close of the session, do not have to be acted upon by him until after the adjournment of the Legislature. As about 80 or 85% of all bills passed are presented to the Governor during the closing days of the session and after adjournment, the result is that the Governor has an absolute veto as to most of the bills which are passed. He is not even called upon to actually veto them, as his failure to sign serves as a veto, and he is not, of course, required to give his reasons for failure to sign, although in practice he usually does so.

From this outline of the progress of a bill toward becoming a law, we may learn several things of value:

HOW TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION

1. A bill must be definite, clear and concise in stating its object.
2. Those supporting the bill must be listed in it.
3. One or more members of the Legislature must be secured to introduce and support it and to advise its sponsors of its progress.
4. Every possible publicity must be secured for it by club notices and the public press, as well as private methods.
5. Hearings must be asked for, and delegations secured to attend them.
6. Letters and telegrams sent committee members and the entire Legislature before the third reading are of great importance in influencing votes.
7. Get copies of bills in which your club is interested from the clerk of the Legislature for study.
8. Let your local delegate to the Legislature know of your interest in any pending bills.

HOW TO STUDY BILLS—In studying a bill, make sure you understand what it means, why it is proposed, what it hopes to accomplish. Note the character and reputations of those who are promoting it, and of those who oppose it. Have it brought up in your club and inspire discussion upon it. Have a definite vote taken after discussion and report this vote to your County Chairman of Legislation so that she can report it to her State Chairman. Have this vote published in your local papers, with any high lights of the discussion. This is NEWS and most papers are glad to get it. If the bill is of more than local interest, try to secure a speaker from the sponsors and opponents of the bill. Have both sides heard if possible. Having taken your vote, follow the bill in its course through the Legislature and see that your club knows the results.

In the case of measures before the National Congress, the same methods are followed, exerting the pressure upon the members and committees of that body.

There should be a Chairman of Legislation in every club and she should be the one to see that her organization is kept in touch with legislative matters, and should direct their study as indicated above. She should co-operate with the club chairman of publicity and with the State magazine to keep members informed of pending legislation in which they are interested, both in the State Legislature and in Congress.

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*"I went into the Temple, there to hear
The teachers of our law, and to propose
What might improve my knowledge, or their own."*

MILTON, "Paradise Lost."

Although the financial income for the Federation was inadequate during this administration, a budget system was adopted in preparation for the new method of Universal Membership.

A Speaker's Bureau was established to supply names of speakers, rates etc. to constituent clubs upon request.

DEPARTMENTS DO OUTSTANDING WORK

In addition to the main objectives of the president and the innovations, the various departments were most active.

The chairman of the American Citizenship department, Mrs. Calvin Gabriel, emphasized the obligations and privileges of citizenship and made the club women more conscious of their responsibilities. She also stressed law observance, study of banking laws, cost of government and the necessity of cooperation with the War Veterans.

Mrs. Gardiner Spring, Jr. of Salisbury, chairman of the American Home department, offered the following resolution to the club women for their consideration, which typifies the ideals which dominated the work of that department.

"I RESOLVE: To fit myself to manage my home as I would do a business, smoothly and efficiently with mind alert through artistic and literary study, to meet and satisfy the social and cultural needs of the individuals in the home. To dedicate my life to God and to teach my children through daily relationships, the love of God and the fundamentals of religious living."

This department sponsored a prize contest in an effort to find a budget suited to the need of club women of Maryland. This contest was conducted by Mrs. Addison J. Beane of Reisterstown.

The chairman of Education, Dr. Florence E. Bamberger of the Johns Hopkins University, stressed the following in her outline of study:

1. Study of right relationship of the Home and School.
2. Study of Home Safety as an Individual and Social Responsibility in saving Human Waste
3. Study of Community Agencies for the Care and Elimination of Delinquency.

The program of this department was based on theories expressed by the chairman in a magazine article:

"That the function of education in a democracy should be to furnish the community with citizens who possess those qualities which are most essen-

tial for the maintenance of a democracy. That the most important factors that make for socialization of individuals are sympathy, cooperation and the ability to organize for mutual welfare. In a democracy, the social life may be measured by the extent to which every individual is able to perform social service. Education is a social process. Its efficiency may be measured—First:—To the extent to which it is able to permit all members of a group to share in the common interests of the group; Second:—To the extent to which every individual is able to cultivate individual gifts and capacities for social service; Third:—By the fullness and freedom with which every group is able to interact with every other group.”

Although the idea of a club chorus was started in the previous administration, it was continued and enlarged in this administration. Mrs. Paul Cribbet, the chairman of Fine Arts, conducted a prize contest for chorus work. Three prizes were offered: first prize, \$25; second prize, \$15; and the third, \$10.

Mrs. Cleveland Smith of Easton, chairman of Community Singing, printed the following in *The Maryland Club Woman*, in February 1931.

“When we search for self-expression
We’ll attain the highest goal
Through the medium of music
’Tis the language of the soul.”

A prize contest was also conducted by the chairman of Poetry, Mrs. Helen Bailey Davis.

Dr. Elinor Pancoast of Goucher College, chairman of the International Relations department, outlined a very constructive study program for the club women. It consisted of two parts: the significance of international relations in a modern world; and economic causes of international friction.

The department of Legislation, being one of the president’s chief interests, outlined a very progressive program. Mrs. Helen Sherry, a practicing attorney, was chairman, and at the first board meeting of the new administration, in September 1930, she placed before the members the proposal that club women work for legislation which would permit the women of Maryland to serve on juries. The Board of Directors endorsed this policy and it was then sent to each of the affiliated clubs throughout the State, and on November 18, 1930, at the Council of Presidents it was voted to endorse “Jury Service for Women.”

A bill was then drafted and presented to the Legislature in February of 1931. The bill was as follows:

A bill entitled (Jury Bill No. 2.) An act to add a new section to Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, said new section to follow immediately after Section 6 of said article to be known as Section 6A and to read as follows:

Hereafter no person shall be disqualified for service as a Juror in this State by reason of sex, but the provisions of law relating to the qualifications of Jurors and exemptions from Jury duty shall in all cases apply to women as well as to men, and the lists from which jurors are drawn shall include the names of men and women.

SECTION 2—And be it further enacted that all acts or parts of acts, general or local, inconsistent with the revisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3—And be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Marvin Farrington, member of the House of Delegates from Montgomery County and Counsel for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, introduced the bill (By request).

A very active campaign ensued. Literature was sent to club women throughout the State and the president spoke before the majority of affiliated clubs.

A hearing before the Judiciary Committee was held in the House of Delegates in the State House at Annapolis on Wednesday, February 25, 1931. To the tune "Maryland, My Maryland," 300 women sang their way to the State House. Repeating not the words of the Free State Anthem, but rather a lyric plea that the fair sex be allowed to serve on juries, they sang:

"We're voters all, we would be free,
Maryland, My Maryland!
To fullest meed of liberty,
Maryland, My Maryland!
We seek the right denied for years,
To sit as jurors and as peers,
Forget your Mid-Victorian fears,
Maryland, My Maryland!"

At the hearing the following persons spoke for the bill: Mrs. Rebecca Greathouse, Assistant U. S. District Attorney; Rabbi E. L. Israel; Helen Sherry, chairman of Legislation, M. F. W. C. and a practicing attorney; Miss Helen Eliza-

beth Brown, attorney and president of the Business and Professional Women's Council; Mrs. Donald R. Hooker, president, Maryland Branch, National Woman's Party; Mrs. Emil Crockin, president, Baltimore League of Women Voters; Mrs. Robert Frank Skutch, president, Baltimore District M. F. W. C.; Mrs. Alfonso Boley, president, Eastern Shore Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Lula Powell, president, Federation of Republican Women; Mrs. Frank Phillips, president, Democratic Women's Club of Baltimore; Mrs. Ethel Lorentz, president, Democratic Women's Luncheon Club.

Some of the arguments used by the women in support of the bill were:

"How would a man feel if he had to be tried by a jury of all women? Can we say that a woman or girl on trial is receiving a trial by an impartial jury, when women are not eligible as jurors in this State? To say that a woman before the Bar is entitled to judgment by her peers, and then to exclude women from the jury room, is to misinterpret the spirit which underlies our institutions. Jury service for women is another step toward the attainment of that universal justice for which the American Nation stands. The viewpoints of both men and women are needed if we are to have justice administered in our courts."

"There is a dangerous weakness in any system of justice which requires the personal and property rights of women as well as men to be decided in courts where men only decide them. This weakness has been eliminated from the administration of justice in twenty-one States and two Territories."

"Jury Service whether a privilege or a duty, is an incident of citizenship. Citizenship implies responsibility. Women are ready to assume the burden as well as the benefits of citizenship."

On March 10, the members of the House of Delegates killed the bill by a vote of 29 to 85, after it had been reported out of committee with an unfavorable report.

Other progressive legislative measures which were sponsored at this time were:

Permanent Registration for Baltimore City

Amendment to the Divorce Act

An Amendment to the Inheritance Act

Amending the Divorce Act to strike out the grounds for divorce of "unchastity of wife before marriage." This ground for divorce has generally been used to force innocent women to an unfair divorce settlement. It applies only to one sex.

In inheritance of both personal property and real estate the male line is often preferred to the female. The amendment proposed to change this.

Under the leadership of Miss Estelle T. Moore, Jr., of Sandy Spring the following were stressed:

1. Creation of more recreation centers
2. Cooperation with all relief agencies
3. Health and sanitation
4. Child Welfare
5. Working for a Dental Clinic in every County

In the department of Press and Publicity a unique change occurred at this time relative to the attitude of women toward publicity. In the past, club women generally were very shy about having their pictures in the newspapers and about sending material to the press for publication, but due to the insistence and perseverance of the chairman of the department, Mildred Kaler Geare, editor of the Woman's Page of the Baltimore Sunday American, women began to realize that organization and publicity must go hand in hand. Mrs. Geare said "Organization is necessary to attain any objective. Publicity is necessary to make smooth the way to that goal. Organization can do little without publicity."

Not only was Mrs. Geare responsible for changing the attitude of club women toward publicity but she taught them the ethical way to treat members of the press so that they would attend their club meetings.

The Maryland Club Woman, the official organ of the Federation, continued to thrive and at the end of this administration had a surplus of over \$1400 in its treasury after financing a forty page magazine for two years, contributing \$279.36 to the State Federation Endowment Fund, and buying an addressograph machine and filing cabinets.

This very remarkable achievement was due to the efficient business management of the Business Manager, Mrs. Alfred G. Goodrich, and the economical cooperation of the Editor, Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley.

At the beginning of the second year of this administration, conditions were somewhat different. It was obvious that the current economic depression would continue for

another year. The president spoke before many clubs, advocating that the women should "Buy Intelligently," "Stop Hoarding," and to "Dispel Fear."

In the December issue of *The Maryland Club Woman*, the president urged the women to help dispel the pessimism which surrounded us on every side. Stocks were decreasing in value, banks were failing, unemployment continued and there was a rapid reduction in wages. The president begged the women to start a campaign of spreading optimism, first in their homes and then in the clubs, in order to raise the morale of the people.

Even with the depression on and the endorsement of Universal Membership, which meant an increase in the payment of dues, there were 125 clubs in the Federation at the close of this administration, the largest number of clubs ever affiliated with the Maryland Federation at any time in its history. The extension work which helped make this possible was carried on by the chairman, Mrs. Orson M. Eaton of College Park. She conducted a prize contest in order to stimulate interest. The first prize was \$50 to the District securing ten or more new clubs. The second prize, \$30 to the District securing the highest number of clubs from 6 to 9. The third prize, \$20 to the District securing the highest number of clubs from 3 to 5.

To help carry on all work of the Federation, Club Institutes were held in various parts of the State, under the leadership of the chairman, Mrs. H. Matthew Gault. This work stimulated a great deal of interest and also made it possible for club women to become acquainted with State officers and chairmen.

Taking advantage of the fact that we had Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr., a nationally known expert on parliamentary procedure as our State Parliamentarian, it was decided to re-write the By-Laws of the Federation. This was done in cooperation with the State president, the chairman of Revisions and the six District presidents.

During this administration Mrs. J. Enos Ray of Chillum, Maryland, was the elected Director to the General Federation. It was her duty to vote for Maryland women at Board meetings and Conventions of the General Federation. She

also worked in the State to promote a greater interest in the General Federation. At the end of this administration, the By-Laws were revised so that the State president would also be the elected Director to the General Federation, therefore having the one woman serve in both capacities.

At the last annual meeting of this administration the president made the following recommendations and stated that she believed that if they were carried out they would increase the efficiency of the organization:

Vote More Intelligently

Realize the Power of the Federation

Beware of Commercialization and Exploitation

This administration was concluded with all of the various objectives completed.

THE HEAVENLY GUEST *

By SARA ROBERTA GETTY

God did not will that His Son be born 'mid wealth and splendor rare,
Though 'twere befitting to His rank that a King be sheltered there.
God's promise was that a King should come, a mighty Prince of Peace;
It was His gift to all mankind, that hate and strife might cease.

And the stars that night
Saw a wondrous sight
In the cave of Bethlehem;
Where, upon the hay,
The young Child lay
Who would wear a diadem.

God sends His gift to you and me, as He did in days of old;
'Tis a gift no wealth can ever buy, no jeweled casket hold.
Let us keep a place from the world apart, from the noise and din,
Unlock our door and prepare a room that Christ may enter in.

Though we have no gold,
Yet, with joy untold,
We pray that He might stay;
Let us give our best
To the Kingly Guest,
Let us welcome Him today.

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ANNA ELEANOR FRANCES ALLEN
(Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen)

President of Prince George's District, 1929-1932
First President of the State Chapter Epsilon Sigma Omicron
(Honorary Reading Society) 1936-1937
National Treasurer of the Society in 1938
Tenth President
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
1932-1935

The Administration
of
MRS. RUDOLPH S. ALLEN
1932-1935

By MRS. WILLIAM F. ROGERS, *Historian*

With the election of Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, the tenth president of The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, there came the realization of "Our Changing Federation." A change in by-laws at this time made the term of office three years and combined the office of president and director for reasons of economy. Due to the extension of good roads and easier facilities for transportation, and also to the steady advance in District organization, Baltimore is no longer the hub of the Federation. The president can reach all parts of the State with relative ease and may be contacted by all clubwomen whenever need arises and still not live in Baltimore. Prior to this, annual meetings had been held in various parts of the State most successfully, it being found programs did not have to compete with the City's shopping district.

From her home in College Park, with one room set aside as "Federation Headquarters" the first county president continued the fight against the dismal depression by an insistent campaign of education in citizenship. Through the columns of "The Maryland Club Woman," over the radio, by mail and by personal talks to the clubs, "Build for Better Citizenship" was her constant message. With a presidential election coming rapidly, first emphasis was put upon the responsibility of every woman to vote for the candidate of her choice.

The previous administration had brought the State Endowment Fund to the required amount to permit its interest to be applied to the budget. But all too soon everyone realized that the annual income from ten thousand dollars is a pitifully small amount. Some clubs were unable to pay their dues because their assets were in closed Banks. The Board of Directors voted to be lenient and the president by personal contact did her best to encourage them to keep



TREBLE CLEF CHORAL CLUB
of the
WICOMICO WOMAN'S CLUB OF SALISBURY

This Choral Group won the State prize, in competition with other choral groups of Maryland, for three consecutive years, 1930, 1931, and 1932.

up their activities as far as possible. Despite the serious financial difficulties confronting many clubs, the General Federation's Foundation Fund was enriched by a small contribution from Maryland. The Library at Headquarters was given \$25 for the purchase of books to honor the State President. Maryland was awarded a prize at the General Federation Council at Richmond in 1933 in the Penny Art Fund Contest.

THE WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE N. R. A.

During the second summer of Mrs. Allen's administration, the facilities of the Federation were drafted to help put into operation the campaign of "The Women's Division of the N. R. A." Governor Ritchie appointed Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, State Chairman. She turned immediately to tried Federation workers for her committee and the chairmanship of fifteen of the twenty-three counties was held by club leaders. Mrs. Allen served in her own county of "Prince George's" in addition to her other activities. She was also called upon to cooperate with many other national groups in the war upon the depression. Great emphasis was put upon the responsibility of women who are the main buyers of the country. They were urged not to hoard their money but to buy intelligently what their families needed, and then not to change their minds and return the purchased merchandise.

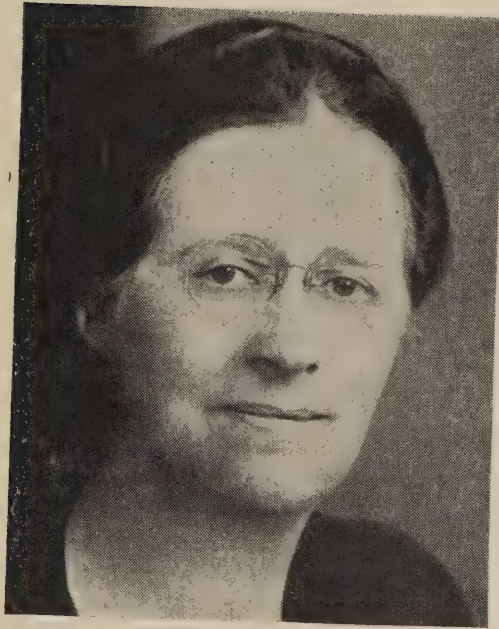
Following the lead of the Indiana Federation, the Board of Directors in 1934 authorized the formation of a Maryland Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, a definite plan of reading and home study in which the club members will have the cooperation of the University of Maryland, as an adult educational project. It is open to all members of the Federation and there are no dues. The details of its organization have been carefully worked out by the president herself. Maryland qualified early in May 1935 for a charter, having enrolled 70 club women and listing 17 charter members.

M. F. W. C. PARTICIPATES IN STATE TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

The celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of this State was begun on the 22nd of November, 1933 by unveiling a marker at Cowes, England on the wharf from which the Maryland colonists set sail, and participated in by trans-Atlantic radio from the War Memorial Building in Baltimore. Naturally the president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs was in her assigned place on that day, having been appointed by Governor Ritchie as a member of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission. From then until the last night of the beautiful pageant held in the Baltimore Stadium the following October, she was constantly on call, attending committee meetings, mass-meetings, local celebrations in all parts of the State, urging this group or that to assume its portion of the whole program. The climax came when she was called upon to secure the attendance of six persons from each of the twenty-three counties to pay homage to Lady Baltimore on both nights that the pageant, "The Soul of Maryland" was presented. She had to see to it that the County Duchesses were comfortably housed at the Southern Hotel, their gorgeous gowns were in readiness, and escort them to the various events staged in their honor. But the most serious problem came when their visit had to be extended because the performances had to be put off on account of rain; and her appropriation gave out! Truly with the honor came grave perplexity. However, when she sat in the Federation's box surrounded by her own officers no one dreamed what had gone before. The vice-president, Mrs. C. Albert Kuper, gave much time to the selection of appropriate music, and enlisted a large and well balanced chorus that filled a valuable place in the whole presentation. Mrs. William F. Rogers, historian, was appointed a member of the Celebrations Committee.

SILK BANNER PURCHASED

The State Board of Directors had agreed to underwrite the Federation's participation in the affair to the amount of seventy dollars, but the club members purchased tickets



MRS. GRACE MORRISON (POOLE) REYNOLDS

Mrs. Poole, (later Reynolds) was the seventh president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to visit Maryland, she addressed the State Convention, May 10, 1933.

so generously that it was possible to transfer part of the fund to the purchase of a silk banner for the Maryland Federation, which will always be a reminder of an outstanding occasion.

Through the courtesy of the officials of the University of Maryland, the Southeastern Council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, of which Maryland is a part, held its fifteenth annual meeting at the University on the 13th and 14th of January, 1935. Happening on the eve of the National Board meeting it was the State's pleasure to have a large group of the National Board members and officers present. At the close of a very successful session, Mrs. Allen was elected President of the Council for the ensuing two years.

The legislative year of 1935 witnesses a keen interest in all social legislation by clubwomen throughout the State. The Federation had worked for a Mandatory Old Age Pension Law. Governor Nice appointed Mrs. Allen to his "Old Age Pension Commission" (9 members) to study and draft a suitable bill. This bill became a law in April, 1935.

As a conservation project and to honor the name of "Margaret Brent," a formal garden was planned for the north side of "Margaret Brent Hall," girls' dormitory, University of Maryland at College Park. Boxwood, ivy and even earth from historic shrines were contributed by clubwomen. The Garden was dedicated on May 3, 1935, with appropriate ceremonies. A bird-bath was contributed by the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase to honor the editor of our State Magazine, Mrs. Hoadley; two stone benches were presented by Mrs. Whitehurst to honor Mrs. John L. Alcock and Mrs. Allen; one bench was presented by the Women's Club of Roland Park and one by Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff to honor Mrs. Whitehurst. The Garden with its adornments was formally accepted from the Federation by the President of the University.

The close of this administration finds remarkable growth of the department of Junior Clubs, the Loan Scholarship Fund and continued interest in local libraries.

THE LADY JUNE IN MARYLAND

Written for the *Maryland Club Woman*, June, 1929

By FOLGER MCKINSEY,
The Bentztown Bard

She smiles from her hills and mountains,
She dances beside her shore—
June in the garden of Maryland
With her blossoms of love and lore!
A sweetness of youth about her,
And with it that essence of dream,
With the old, old grace of a lovely race
In a legend of sun and gleam!

The Lady June in Maryland—
Ah, magic, indeed, her ways,
As down through the sweet of a green retreat
Or a ripple of river she strays!
Lilacs swing in the borders,
And the roses that grace the hours
When she comes to be like a joy set free
In a moment of song and flowers!

The Chesapeake murmurs of beauty,
And the beauty of June is one
With the lilt of the Maryland meadows,
The glow of the Maryland sun—
A beauty as dainty and elfin
As ever on land or sea
Brought June to town in her saffron gown,
With ripening wheat at her knee!

Bow, courtiers, even though phantoms!
Bow down to her, men of will,
As she comes along by the shores of song,
As she dances over the hill!
Oh, from the Alleghenies,
To the Worcester sand and pine,
She swings and trips, with her rosy lips,
And her star-born eyes ashine!



NELLIE TALIAFERRO HOADLEY
(Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley)

President of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 1933-1935
President-Director
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, 1935-1938

The Administration
of
MRS. FRANK M. HOADLEY
1935-1938

By MRS. J. W. AVIRETT-THOMAS, *Historian*

Never was an administration inaugurated under more favorable auspices than that of Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, eleventh president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. The first Board Meeting was held with a full complement of officers, district presidents, and chairmen of departments. The honor guest and speaker for this meeting was the President of the General Federation, Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, whose term of office of three years parallels that of the Maryland President.

The following quotation from *The Maryland Club Woman* of October 1935, seems adequate to describe Mrs. Hoadley:

It has been said that "We the women of Maryland" is a title to which the women of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs may lay claim more truthfully than any one other specialized organization in our State. There is then a peculiar fitness in the choice of Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley to head the Federation, since she is not only a Marylander by birth and ancestry, but for the past five years her editorial "We" has been a potent factor in molding thought and opinion among us.

She also comes directly into the office of president of the State Federation from the presidency of the largest club in the Federation, the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. For six years she was publicity chairman of the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs. She has filled with signal success the presidency of the Chevy Chase Chapters of the Florence Crittenton Home and the Y. W. C. A. In 1929, 1934, and 1935, as chairman of the Chevy Chase division in the Montgomery County Social Service League, the group under her leadership raised twice their assigned quota. She is a member of the board of directors of the Social Service League.

Mrs. Hoadley, born Nellie Taliaferro, is a native of Baltimore, where her grandfather, the late Charles B. Taliaferro, settled in 1857. Before her marriage, she was an employee of the Government in the War Department. For twenty years her home has been in Chevy Chase.

People who know her frequently hear her say, "I love Maryland." Perhaps this is the reason that readers of *The Maryland Club Woman*, during her editorship, have especially noted the stressing of Maryland history and progress in articles selected for the magazine. One of her fellow club members in Chevy Chase says of Mrs. Hoadley, "Her deep sense of responsibility in any office she assumes is a leading characteristic. She is remarkably clear-headed in presenting subject for discussion. Business never lags when she is presiding and her meetings are carried through to adjournment with vim."

VISITS OF THE PRESIDENT-DIRECTOR

Mrs. Hoadley's administration was the first to operate under the President-Director plan. In that dual capacity, Mrs. Hoadley visited every district, county and individual club in the State during her term of office. She thus kept the entire State in close touch with State and General Federations.

In her work as director she placed emphasis upon subscriptions to the General Federation publication, *The Clubwoman GFWC*, and to Maryland's contribution to the Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, president of the General Federation, visited Maryland very often during the three years of her presidency.

MARYLAND WINS THREE GENERAL FEDERATION PRIZES

The result of this intimate intercourse and the interest aroused in General Federation objectives was the Prize in 1936, the prize for the greatest number of Forums in 1937, and honorable mention for the work in International Relations in 1937.

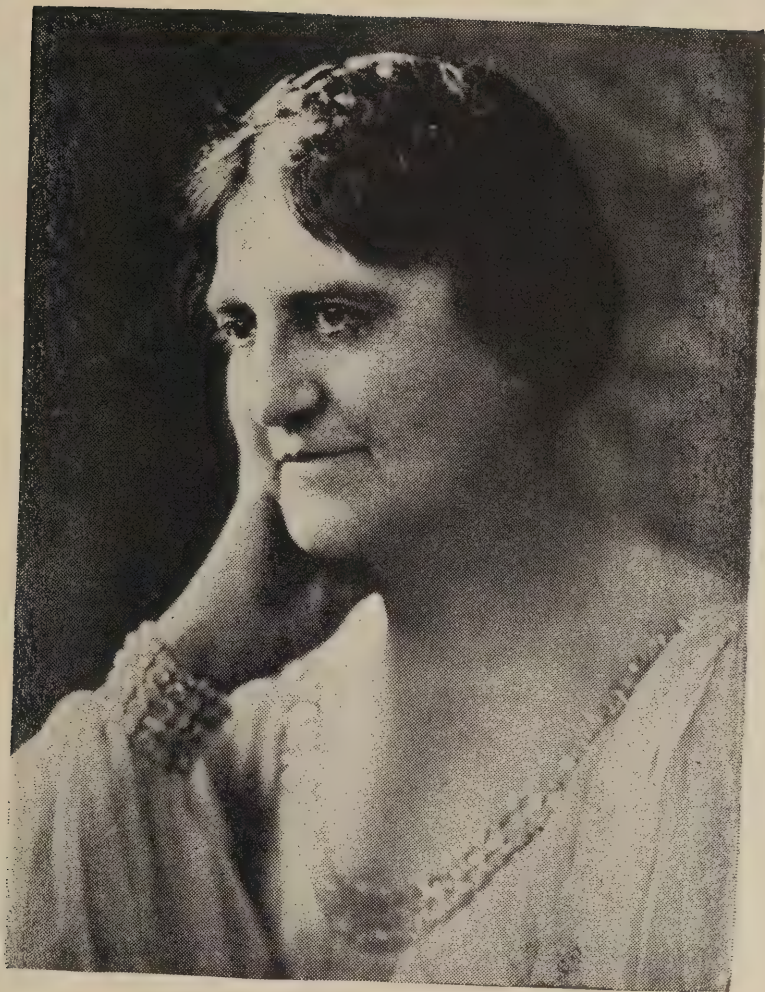
OUTSTANDING WORK OF CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES

The department heads and committees during Mrs. Hoadley's administration were well selected and accomplished much.

Dr. Lida Lee Tall, president of the State Teachers College at Towson, who was chairman of Education, and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, chairman of Education G. F. W. C. and their subdivisions, gave brilliant programs in the State and the Nation.

Mrs. Charles E. McPhail's department of International Relations, created an interest in world-wide affairs, as was never before shown and was given honorable mention by the General Federation.

American Citizenship under Miss Estelle Moore and The American Home with Miss Marie Mount chairman, aroused an enthusiasm that permeated the entire State.



MRS. ROBERTA CAMPBELL LAWSON *

Mrs. Lawson was the eighth president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs to visit Maryland. She addressed the State Convention, April 16, 1936 and April 12, 1938.

* Deceased December 31, 1940.

Fine Arts, with Miss Louise de Ginther, of Easton, chairman, conducted a contest awarding the first prize in poetry for the Poem, "To the Memory of Lizette Woodworth Reese" by Mrs. David Frazer of Elkton, and Miss de Ginther's campaign song "The Banner" won the first prize among a group of excellent original compositions.

Mrs. M. J. Lane, corresponding secretary for the chairman of Legislation found that the most popular bill of all discussed was "Jury Service for Women."

Under Mrs. Simon E. Sobeloff, the department of Public Welfare emphasized "Cancer Control" and raised a large fund to aid that work. Maryland received the highest award at the Triennial of the General Federation in Kansas City for the largest Cancer Fund raised in the United States. Mrs. Charles O. Appleman, chairman of the division of Public Health in this department received and acknowledged the award.

Standing out prominently was the work of the "Institute Group" with Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff acting as general chairman.

A "deluxe" meeting was held in Baltimore each year and the groups visited every district and many individual clubs throughout the State, thus bringing fine cooperation of the district, county and club with State work. Institutes stimulated interest in the State Federation to a degree never before approached.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Publications played an important part in the administration. Three issues of the directory of the M. F. W. C. were published, one for each year of the administration. The divisions of the directory were:

First, a list of the officers of the General Federation and important dates of State and General Federation events; Second, a complete roster of the officers of the state, district, county and individual clubs, and of the chair-

men in every branch of work; Third, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Maryland Federation, the collect for club women by Mary Stewart, and the pledge to the flag of the United States.

Pamphlets in all departments were issued and programs suggested.

Mrs. Alfred G. Goodrich, publicity chairman of Press and Publicity, kept in active contact with club editors and Baltimore newspapers, furnished information to all publicity chairmen throughout the state, and sent complete reports to State and General Federations. A "Clippings Book" was on exhibit at General Federation Convention held at Kansas City.

The Maryland Club Woman, a publication of which Mrs. Hoadley was editor for five years prior to her election to the presidency of the State Federation, continued during her administration to hold a high standard of literary merit and club news. Published every two months from October to June, each issue contained a message from the President-Director, a resumé for the club work of the six districts, and reports from the State chairmen of departments, together with interesting articles upon timely subjects. Thus it kept each club woman in close touch with her own club work and with the work in the State.

The Maryland Club Woman ranks high among the club magazines of the nation. The editor was Miss Doree Germaine Holman who for nearly three years remained at her post. When because of ill health she was compelled to relinquish her duties, Mrs. Hoadley filled out her term with Mrs. J. Reed Bardley, assistant editor and with Mrs. Robert F. Skutch as capable business manager.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDS

Mrs. William F. Rogers, chairman of the Scholarship Fund, made the following report:

Student Loan Fund received in cash	\$1195.00
Part payment on loans	2520.00
Interest on loans	103.00
Balance from previous administrations	575.00
Total	\$4393.00
Loaned to twenty-one students	4380.00
Balance	\$ 13.00

THE GROWTH OF JUNIOR CLUBS

Junior Clubs, the newest department in State and General Federation, have made rapid strides in Maryland. By 1938 Maryland had eight junior clubs, with 185 members and four junior departments with 167 members, a total of twelve clubs and departments with a membership of 352. Much credit for this work is due the chairman, Mrs. Ira J. Pool. At the close of her three years service, she left the following thought to her juniors, which characterizes her work: "If you give the best you have to your club, the best will come back to you."

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Generally speaking, the annual meetings held during the spring of 1936, 1937, and 1938 reflected growth as shown in the comprehensive and excellent reports of the department heads and committee chairmen under the able leadership of Mrs. Hoadley.

The Forums which were held under the department of Institutes with Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff, chairman, introduced a new note in the annual meetings and were highly informative. The subject in 1936 was "Issues of the Forthcoming Campaign." The speakers were: Demarest Lloyd, publisher of magazine "Affairs" and representing the American Liberty League; Congressman James W. Mott of Oregon, representing the Republican National Committee; Congressman Clifton A. Woodrum of Virginia representing the Democratic National Committee. In 1937 the subject "The Creating of Public Opinion" was discussed by Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, Dr. Felix M. Morley, Editor of "Washington Post;" Washington, District of Columbia, and Mrs. S. Howard Evans, Secretary, National Committee on Education by Radio, New York.

A MARYLANDER FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT G. F. W. C.

The formal presentation of Mrs. Whitehurst's name to the General Federation as Maryland's candidate for the first vice-president was the most momentous event for Maryland of the year 1937.

In the name of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Frank H. Hoadley, President-Director, and Mrs. John L. Alcock, Past President, M. F. W. C. and Chairman of the Campaign Committee, announced:

"In presenting Mrs. John L. Whitehurst of Baltimore for first vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs the Maryland Federation is doing so with the knowledge that wide awake, aggressive and well-trained women are needed to administer national organizations during this transitional period.

During Mrs. Whitehurst's service in the General Federation as Vice Chairman of Legislation and as Chairman of the Department of Education she has become acquainted with the National leaders in Washington. At a time when representatives of all national organizations should attend national conferences, a woman who is cognizant of national affairs is a decided asset. The duties of the President of the Federation necessitate her absence from Washington. During these intervals, Mrs. Whitehurst, because her home is in Baltimore, would be able in case of need to reach Washington readily.

Mrs. Whitehurst has addressed club women and other groups in thirty-one states and is scheduled to speak to one hundred groups this coming year. These engagements were requested and were financed by the women in those states. Through these contacts Mrs. Whitehurst has acquired a thorough understanding of the problems and projects of the club women in various parts of the country.

Possessing inherent executive ability and business acumen, Mrs. Whitehurst has the added qualification of being an excellent speaker. She has poise on the platform, an unusually fine speaking voice, a superior knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and a personality that inspires confidence and insures cooperation.

Much could be said of this outstanding candidate's personal characteristics and qualifications, but words of prominent leaders who know and have worked with Mrs. Whitehurst can best describe them."

The following excerpts, from the campaign folder compiled by Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley and Mrs. John L. Alcock, are representative of the many statements made by prominent men and women of the personal characteristics and qualifications of Mrs. Whitehurst for the office of first vice-president, G. F. W. C.

The Honorable Harry W. Nice, Governor of Maryland at that time, said:

"Her great intelligence and unswerving loyalty in the interest of women in this state has caused her to be looked upon as one of the outstanding citizens of Maryland."

The following were the words of The Honorable Millard E. Tydings, United States Senator from Maryland,

"I have seldom written a letter about anyone for whom I have a higher regard than I have for Mrs. Whitehurst, for I consider her one of the most valuable women in America."

The Honorable George L. Radcliffe, United States Senator from Maryland wrote:

"Mrs. Whitehurst has impressed very strongly upon the people of Maryland, and I am sure in many other parts of the country, the fact that she is a woman of ability and resourcefulness."

Mrs. John F. Sippel, Past President, General Federation of Women's Clubs stated:

"Mrs. Whitehurst is an active member of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church of Baltimore. Through her work in the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, through her work as the only woman member and Secretary of the Maryland Board of Agriculture, Mrs. Whitehurst's home shows not only the consideration given to material comforts but, what is of even greater worth, the things without which no house is a home, the spiritual and cultural values."

Dr. Harry Clifton Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, said:

"Since Mrs. Whitehurst's appointment as the first woman member of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland her service not only to the women of the State but to the State as a whole has been invaluable."

Harris Elliott Kirk, D.D., LL.D., Pastor, Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, wrote:

"I have learned with great satisfaction of the proposal to present the name of Mrs. Whitehurst for First Vice-President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and can without reservation express the considered opinion that no more capable woman could be proposed."

Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, President, Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, remarked:

"Mrs. Whitehurst in all her duties has more than demonstrated her genuine interest in and her willingness to work for all things that are concerned with the advancement of education."

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty-ninth annual meeting in Baltimore, April 11-13, 1938, was the climax of Mrs. Hoadley's three years of efficiency and accomplishment. The Junior Conference and program occupied the first day and evening. Mrs. Ira J. Pool, chairman of Juniors, set forth the growth of this vital department. "Pep Suppers," for senior club members, held the evening prior to the official opening of the annual meetings, proved most entertaining and with the attendance of the junior clubs, the spicy programs and gen-

eral air of informality were a fine prelude to succeeding meetings.

Prominent speakers during the convention were: Dr. Dexter L. Bullard, physician in charge Chestnut Lodge Sanitarium, Rockville, whose subject was—"Some Problems in Adolescence"; Mrs. Georgette Ross Howard of Washington on the subject "The International Picture"; and Mr. R. P. Harbo, Administrative Assistant to Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation on the subject "Youth and Crime."

The second evening's program was the most brilliant of the convention. The honor guests were the Honorable Harry W. Nice, Governor of Maryland, and Mrs. Nice; the president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson; and the President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Miss Arline White, who gave an address on "The Women Citizen." The past presidents were also honor guests.

A beautiful tribute was paid Mrs. Hoadley during the evening's program by Mrs. John Paul Troy, who reviewed the administration and presented Mrs. Hoadley with a club pin.

The morning session of the last day had two addresses by Dr. Carl Taylor, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, on "A National Program for Handicrafts," and Col. Preston D. Callum, former General Chairman of Baltimore Safety Council, on "Safety."

Following the luncheon honoring district presidents and the group singing led by Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens, a panel discussion on the subject "Better Government Personnel" took place.

Mrs. Arthur S. Fleming, Director, School of Public Affairs, American University, president, Honorable Samuel H. Ordway, Jr. United States Civil Service Commission and Mr. Oliver Short, Executive Officer, United States Bureau of the Census, were other members of the panel.

Maryland hospitality was bountifully dispensed by Mrs. John E. Legge, chairman of Hospitality and by Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, chairman of arrangements at all

board and annual meetings throughout the three years of Mrs. Hoadley's administration.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. BENJAMIN W. CORKRAN

Past President of the

Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

In the passing of Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran in the early autumn of 1937, the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs lost an esteemed leader and loyal friend.

Mrs. Corkran was one of the founders of the organization. Her knowledge of the work of the Federation was unsurpassed, and was at the disposal of all of us. Her belief in womankind and their value in the life of the community was the motivating thought in all her activities.

The work of Mrs. Corkran in the beginnings of the Roland Park Club and the Women's Civic League will be felt through the years and her efforts in behalf of Civil Service are known nationally.

How much finer and better was all our war work through the inspiration of her guidance and leadership!

Mrs. Corkran's life was the highest expression of womanhood, a successful homemaker, wife and mother; a loyal friend, a citizen who served her city and her state.

BETTIE MANROE SIPPEL.

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LIZETTE WOODWORTH REESE

1856 - 1935

Poet Laureate of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

and of the

General Federation of Women's Clubs.

"In the passing of Lizette Woodworth Reese, the literary world has lost one of its greatest lyric poets.

"Her poems are an inspiration to every lover of exquisite verse, and although she now rests in the old church yard of St. John's Waverly, the church so dear to her heart—she is still with us, through her poetry. And each Spring's daffodils will pay their tribute to her, year on year.

"Something of her, a touch, a look, a sense, had gone into the texture of them all."

HELEN BAYLEY DAVIS,

Chairman of Poetry.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convention and the Administration of Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley came to a close with the report of the Judge of Election, Mrs. Bernard J. Coyle of Upper Marlboro, and the installation of the newly elected officers.

President-Director, Eastern Shore District, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury.

Vice-President, First District, Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, Hampstead.

Recording Secretary, Fourth District, Mrs. Harry T. Cottman, Jr., Jessup.

Corresponding Secretary, Eastern Shore District, Mrs. Alfred T. Truitt, Salisbury.

Treasurer, Third District, Mrs. Ira J. Pool, Baltimore.

In conclusion, the Historian desires to extend thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, her officers and chairmen and all the members of the Federation for the co-operation given, enabling her to make this history possible.

SOUTHERN LULLABY *

By GENEVIEVE FRAZER

By lo, baby,
By lo, 'til mawn.
All li'l rabbits
Sleepin' in de cawn.
All de li'l 'possums
Snuggled down er res'
By lo, baby,
Huh on mammy's breas'.

By lo, baby,
In de candle light
Old Mistah Boogey man
Hidin' out ob sight
Fo' Gawd hab sont his angels
Gaurdin' baby's res'.
By lo, baby,
Safe on mammy's breas'.

1938-1941



MRS. WALTER E. KRIEL,
Vice President



MRS. J. ENOS RAY
Historian

1938-1941



MRS. ALFRED T. TRUITT
Corresponding Secretary



MRS. IRA J. POOL
Treasurer



MRS. HARRY T. COTTMAN, JR.,
Recording Secretary



RUTH KENNERLY HARCUM
(Mrs. Harry L. Harcum)

President of the Wicomico Women's Club, 1930-1932
President of the Eastern Shore District, 1936-1938
President-Director
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs,
1938-1941

The Administration
of
MRS. HARRY L. HARCUM

By MRS. J. ENOS RAY, *Historian*

At the annual meeting of the M. F. W. C. held April 11, 12, 13, 1938 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, the following officers were elected:

President-Director—Mrs. Harry L. Harcum of Salisbury

Vice-President—Mrs. Walter E. Kriel of Hampstead

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Harry T. Cottman, Jr. of Jessup

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Alfred T. Truitt of Salisbury

Treasurer—Mrs. Ira J. Pool of Baltimore

The record of the activities which will be recorded in this history, will prove that the choice was a wise one for never have we had a more earnest, tactful, and self-sacrificing leader. She has led the club women to become interested in a broad program. Outstanding achievements have been recorded in many lines of endeavor.

The chairmen chosen to plan, and lead the departments of work have been earnest in their endeavor to stimulate interest in the study of present day problems and progress. They have supplied programs and material for study, speakers for both meetings and radio broadcasts, and have loyally supported the President-Director in her efforts to keep the Federation of Maryland's clubwomen among the leaders of the states. The increase in club membership and the increase in number of clubs affiliated with the State Federation proves definitely that there is no loss of interest in this field of study. Indeed there is evident a sure and steady growth of the importance of the woman's club in every community. The first slogan of the General

Federation of Womens Clubs "Unity in Diversity"—still is the underlying theme and the broader one adopted by the G. F. W. C. during the administration of Mrs. John F. Sippel of Maryland, "For the Enrichment of Life Through a Better Understanding of Human Relations" defines the real purposes which have come to a place of achievement. The reports which follow show the trend of interest at this present period—such a great step forward from those earlier years, in breadth of interest and increased vitality.

AN APPRECIATION FROM HER HOME CLUB

The Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury here pays tribute to one of its distinguished members—Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, President of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, the only Eastern Shore woman who has held that office.

We have known her in home-life, school-life, church, club, social and community life.

We've known her, after careful consideration, to assume big responsibilities, but, we've never known her to *shirk* a responsibility when once assumed.

We've often wondered at her clear, quick perception of problems and the efficiency with which she solves them.

We've admired her superb physical endurance, her keen sense of fair play, her moral courage and her spiritual outlook.

We've proudly watched her capacity to carry on officially and concurrently in lines of varying activities and yet not get her dates, her goals, or her facts confused.

She is a past-president of her district and of her own club and has held many other places of responsibility and honor for which she has received recognition of merit.

In her promotion to larger offices which have called for tremendous demands upon time and strength she has never been indifferent to or forgetful of her home club, but, has contributed untiringly to its activities. In the words of our wonderful Club Collect she seems to be a master in the art of knowing how to "take time for all things."

The Wicomico Woman's Club loves her for what she is and is very proud of her for her record of constructive achievements.

A TRIBUTE FROM ELKTON

A name most dear
To each one here
And up and down the Shore.
Throughout the State,
Without debate
No one is welcomed more
It starts with H
And then an a
An r and then a c u m
A leader fine
In each club line
Beloved by every one!

MRS. JAMES W. HUGHES
Women's Club of Elkton, Jan. 7, 1941

THE TRIP TO KANSAS CITY

The first event of note and interest after the installation of Mrs. Harry L. Harcum as President-Director of the Maryland Federation was the trip of the Maryland club-women to Kansas City. Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas writes of this memorable convention:

The Biennial of the General Federation held at Kansas City, May 10-18, 1938, was attended by a Maryland delegation of eighty-one women, from every part of the state, traveling there and returning in the "Whitehurst Special" with but one idea—the election of Maryland's candidate. It was a happy group of club women welcoming at various points delegations enroute. At Keyser the Cumberland delegates, escorted by a large number of club members, made merry the five minute stop. At Oakland, the one delegate, with her followers was escorted by a brass band which serenaded the train. Flowers in great profusion were sent to Mrs. Whitehurst who met the delegation at Kansas City and in "Whitehurst Taxicabs" took them to their respective hotels. Maryland Headquarters, on the Mezzanine floor of the Muehlebach Hotel was always the center of groups from the forty-eight states. Maryland hospitality was the watchword and a fine spirit prevailed.

Maryland was truly on the map from start to finish of the convention. Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University of Maryland, addressed the convention making a fine impression. One evening he gave a delightful dinner to the entire Maryland delegation. Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, chairman of the Department of Education, gave the department keynote of Mrs. Lawson's administration and was outstanding in the presentation of her subject, the greater part of which was given over a National Radio "hook-up". A certificate of honor, for the work the clubs of Maryland had done in raising \$3,889.04 for the Woman's Field Army for the Control of Cancer, was received.

The most thrilling day of the convention was election day with polls open at 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. the voting being done with four voting

machines, used for the first time in a General Federation election. Through the efficiency and rapidity of these machines the vote was announced at 4:30 P. M. The convention had been warned that no applause should be made during the announcement of the vote and breathlessly the convention awaited the result. When the vote for the first vice-president was announced and our Mrs. Whitehurst had won, we heaved a sigh of relief and went to our hotels happy.

Following this Maryland had her State dinner where everyone was free to give expression to her joy and congratulations. Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, President-Director, presided, Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley and Mrs. John L. Alcock, past presidents, and the host of chairmen, delegates and guests had a right royal time. At the close of the dinner when a delegation from Texas crashed in, an encore to the jollification was given.

The last meeting of the General Federation Convention was a memorable one with Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson presiding for the last time with her son Edward Campbell Lawson by her side, who was one of the speakers of the evening. Mrs. Sporborg of New York in introducing Mr. Lawson said: "He was Mrs. Lawson's greatest achievement."

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover on "Crime and Your Home" attracted a larger local audience than any of the programs.

When the new officers of the General Federation were presented, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst acknowledged with thanks and appreciation the honor conferred upon her and pledged the best of her head, heart, and spirit to the General Federation. Thus, the largest meeting of the convention was a farewell to the late president and officers and an "All hail to the new!"

The climax had been reached and it was truly the end of a perfect day and perfect convention. "We had come, We had seen, We had conquered."

THE PILGRIMAGE TO ST. MARY'S CITY

The second event of state-wide importance and significance was the pilgrimage on August 18, 1938, to the State House in St. Mary's City, to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the coming of Mistress Margaret Brent to Maryland.

The President-Director placed a bronze plaque under the picture of Mistress Brent in the name of the Maryland Federation, and, as a tribute, gave a poem, "The Ballad of Margaret Brent," written by Genevieve Frazer, of Elkton. Mrs. Robert Moss of Annapolis and Miss Lavinia Engle of Montgomery County, spoke of the life of Margaret Brent and the part she had taken in the early history of Maryland. Governor Harry W. Nice had previously issued a Proclamation setting November 22, 1938 as "Mistress Margaret Brent Day."

THE PROCLAMATION

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT — ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION—THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL IN MARYLAND OF MISTRESS MARGARET BRENT, NOVEMBER 22nd, 1938

WHEREAS, Mistress Margaret Brent was the acknowledged leading citizen of the Early American Colony, arriving at Saint Mary's City November twenty-second, Sixteen Hundred and Thirty-eight; and

WHEREAS, she was the first woman in the United States to act as attorney—governing also with safety and wisdom during the most critical period of the history of the Colony; and

WHEREAS, she deserves a shrine in the hearts of all who love liberty and freedom—and recognition by the State to whose fame and history she so generously contributed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY W. NICE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, in tribute to this great American who faced the perils of a wilderness, who counseled and advised, who first defined and pointed the way to a true democracy, do proclaim that fitting homage be paid Mistress Margaret Brent through pilgrimages to her home at St. Mary's City and her final resting place; and I do further set aside November twenty-second, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-eight, the Three Hundredth anniversary of her coming to the State Of Maryland, as a day for public Memorial and Patriotic services in her honor.

(THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE
STATE OF
MARYLAND)

GIVEN under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, this 12th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-eight.

HARRY W. NICE, By the Governor
E. RAY JONES, Secretary of State

THE BALLAD OF MARGARET BRENT

This is the ballad of Margaret Brent—this is the song unsung
Of a woman who laughed in the face of fear in the days when the land was
 young,
Margaret Brent of the Freehold grant, in the province Maryland
Who held the fate of a state that hour in the cup of her small, white hand.

Blue are the skies of Maryland and the great bay winds are sweet,
But louder still than the singing wind came the sound of tramping feet,
Came the angry shouts of the soldier horde at the gate of Saint Mary's town
Where the wide Potomac greets the bay where frowning cliffs look down.

"Gold!" they cried. "For our own just due, by right of your Lordship's word!
"Or we sack the town!" The gate swung wide, but never a gallant stirred,
Never a gallant touched a sword, but a woman, stately, tall,
Came down the wide assembly steps, down past the block house wall.

Rustle of wind in her sun kissed hair, rustle of silk and lace,
Till she stood at last by the jeering mob in the crowded market place,
"Soldiers!" Shouts ceased. "Mark well the word, lest ye hang your heads
 in shame!
"For I hold the honor of the state by the grace of my own good name!"

And still through old Saint Mary's town, when the Maryland moon rides high,
Good Margaret Brent in her silken gown goes hastening, hastening by,
Above the beat of the wind and tide the sound of her voice is heard,
The voice of the woman who saved the state by the pledge of her own true
 word.

* This poem by Genevieve Frazer was awarded Second Prize in Maryland Federation Women's Club Poetry Contest, 1938.

SLOGAN FOR ADMINISTRATION—
SEEK UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COOPERATION

The first meeting of the Board of Directors held under this administration was on September 20, 1938 at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore. The President, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, announced that the slogan for this administration would be, "Seek Understanding Through Cooperation." In speaking of this keynote of her administration, she said:

"Thus our banner is unfurled for the fortieth year of our Maryland Federation. Our slogan is a two part challenge: first, *Seek Understanding*, that is comprehend fully, apprehend the meaning and motive of, appreciate the force or value of; second, *Cooperation*, gaining understanding will naturally bring the desire for this the second part of our challenge. The act of working together to one end leads to *Human Betterment*. We are living a life. We must have an inspired purpose. May we build a character that those lives touching ours daily may receive inspiration. There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding."

Minutes show that at this meeting of the Board of Directors action was taken to approve the changes in the cover printing and style of *The Maryland Club Woman*, as suggested by the Editor, Miss Anne H. Matthews and the committee working with her. Department and division heads, and chairmen of standing committees outlined their plans, and programs and projects for this administration were officially adopted. Action was also taken designating the Emerson Hotel as the next Convention headquarters, the date to be April 11, 12, 13, 1939. One new club, Colmar Manor Mother's Club, with 25 members, joined the Federation at this Board Meeting, September 20, 1938.

CLUB INSTITUTE HELD

On November 14, 1939, a club Institute was held under the supervision of the departments of Legislation and Public Welfare, with Mrs. Calvin Gabriel and Mrs. Charles O. Appleman, chairmen. The speakers were: Mr. Isaac

Lobe Straus who spoke on the General Assembly of Maryland; Mr. J. Milton Patterson, executive secretary of the State Public Welfare Board; and Senator Raymond Kennedy who reviewed for the group the Welfare conditions and problems of the State Agencies and their plans for an enlarged program.

For the evening, the club women of the State met in the club house of the Woman's Club of Roland Park to enjoy a Fine Arts program. A group of club women and their husbands produced a one-act play written and directed by Mrs. Howard Kahn, entitled, "All is Not Gold." After this, pupils of the Dancing School and their teacher, entertained with dance and song.

This Club Institute was followed the next day, November 15, with a Board meeting and Council of Presidents of all the clubs of the State. During the session with the Board, one new Club was presented and accepted, "Mary-Kandels," with a membership of 37. The very interesting and instructive part of this meeting was the Forum on Club Problems. Those of authority who took part in the discussions and answering of questions were: Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, past president M. F. W. C., Mrs. John F. Sippel, past president G. F. W. C. and Professor Richardson of the University of Maryland, whose subject was "Parliamentary Procedure."

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors on February 21, 1939 voted into the Federation two new clubs, Woman's Club of Ten Hills, membership 109, and the Junior Woman's Club of Greensboro with a membership of 17. Plans were made for the State Convention and committee chairmen were appointed to take care of the Golden Jubilee activities that would follow during the next two years, and reach their climax in Atlantic City in May, 1941.

April 11, 1939, saw the Board of Directors meeting together again in a pre-convention session. Three new clubs joined the ranks at this time—two Class A and one Class B—Tuesday Evening Club of Silver Spring, membership 17, Silver Spring Woman's Club, membership 55, and the



MRS. JOHN L. WHITEHURST

First Vice-President

General Federation of Women's Clubs

Mrs. Whitehurst gave the principal address of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, April 12, 1939.

Woman's Traffic and Transportation Club, membership 125.

On this same afternoon the Juniors of the State held their meeting with Mrs. David H. Taylor, chairman of Junior Memberships, presiding. This was followed by their dinner when club problems in general were discussed. Mrs. J. Bertram Hervey, president of the Philadelphia Federation of Women's Clubs at that time, addressed the group.

MRS. WHITEHURST ADDRESSED CONVENTION

The Fortieth Annual Convention, the first for this administration, opened formally on April 12, 1939 at ten o'clock in the morning. Characterized by the usual reports of accomplishments in all departments and the presentation of awards, perhaps the most outstanding bit of the program was the address by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, the first vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, "Woman's Part in America's Future."

TWO HONORARY PRESIDENTS ELECTED

One business item that appears in the minutes of this first morning session, was the election to the office of Honorary President, of two of the Federation's past presidents: Mrs. Edward C. Wilson, who was the fifth president of the Maryland Federation, and Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, who had just retired from office the year before.

For the first time in the history of the Maryland Federation, a forum was held on the subject of "Capital and Labor" and was conducted by Dr. Isadore Lubin, from the Department of Labor, who took the side of capital and Mr. Robert J. Watt, American Workers Delegate of the International Labor Organization, the side of labor.

In the afternoon the whole Convention was entertained for Tea by Mrs. Whitehurst at her home in Guilford, with members of the Mary-Kan-Dels Club as honor guests.

The banquet was a gala affair, as a very honored and distinguished guest, the First Lady of Maryland, Mrs. Herbert R. O'Connor was present. Mrs. Idabelle Wilson



MRS. HERBERT R. O'CONOR

First lady of Maryland was a guest of honor for the Banquet and Reception of the Fortieth Annual Convention of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, April 12, 1939.

Thomas of State Teachers College at Salisbury, delighted and charmed those present with her bits of Federation History, "Club Profiles." This was followed by a pageant, "Progress of Maryland Women," written and directed by Mrs. Luther B. Benton, at that time chairman of Art. The episodes, listed as they appeared, show the periods covered and the diversified interests of women throughout the ages:

Indian Women contributed to Arts and Crafts
Religious Fervor of Pioneer Women
Pioneer Women Bargain Hunting
The Pioneer Suffragette
Colonial Women Encourage Negro Spirituals
Women in Organized Work
The Spirit of Progress

The Sixth or Prince George's District, with Mrs. Henry Naylor, president, was the hostess District for this Convention. After the evening program, April 12, Mrs. Naylor, assisted by her District officers and board members, held a Reception honoring guests of the evening.

SENATOR WILMER FELL DAVIS, CONVENTION SPEAKER

The second day of the convention records the address, "Highlights of 1939 Maryland General Assembly," by Senator Wilmer Fell Davis of Caroline County, who was presented by Mrs. Calvin Gabriel, chairman of Legislation. Another event of note was the special luncheon guests, Mrs. John G. Bloodgood, widow of the noted cancer specialist, and Mrs. Marjorie B. Illig, National Commander Women's Field Army for the Control of Cancer, who spoke on, "Progress" in this line of work.

Mrs. Wilmer Fell Davis, chairman of the Foundation Fund, G. F. W. C. reported that Maryland clubs had raised the quota of \$1,000.00, and that it was ready for the President-Director to take to the G. F. W. C. Convention in San Francisco, California. Through personal contributions made during the convention the additional \$100.00, the quota for each State Director, was raised, so Maryland's gift to this fund was \$1,100.00.

The Club Extension Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Howard S. Kroh, presented the First prize to the Fifth District, Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen, president, for the greatest percentage of increase in membership, and gave honorable mention to the Eastern Shore District, Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, president.

The Fine Arts Department, under the leadership of Mrs. John Gardner, presented prizes in two divisions, Art and Crafts and Poetry. The Chairman of Art and Crafts, Mrs. Luther Benton, awarded the First Penny Art Fund prize to The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase and the Second prize to The Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury. The First prize for painting went to Selma L. Oppenheimer, Council of Jewish Women. Helen Bayley Davis, Chairman of Poetry, presented the First prize in the poetry contest to Genevieve Frazer of the Woman's Club of Elkton, and the Second prize to Elizabeth S. Osgood of The Woman's Community Club of Kensington. Honorable mention went to Inez Barclay Kirby of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase.

PRIZE WINNING POEMS

NINETEEN NINETEEN SPEAKS TO NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE

By GENEVIEVE FRAZER

Why should we care,—we who are broken,
Now that our hearts forever are still?
Blood, bone and nerve yield only this token,
Green, sweeping grass upon the tall hill.

Lost are our hopes, our joys and our sorrows
Gone with the dream we knew yesterday—
Snows of December lie light on our morrows,
Hawthorn will bloom with the coming of May.

What is this echo, this rumble of thunder,
Christ on your tall cross, bleeding anew—
Stark strains of bugle, this mocking, this blunder
Disturbing our sleep in the sweet morning dew?

Marne or Argonne, we lie in our hollows,
Clay unto clay, in this rest we have found
Through morning with lark songs, nightfall with
swallows—
Keep ye our peace—our sleep is so sound!

POE ROOM

By ELIZABETH S. OSGOOD

Here in this place of mystic solitude
Poe and his raven darkly penetrate
The very air where, smiling and sedate,
Proud flesh and spirit evermore intrude.

So deft a singer scarcely sang before,
As music fled on wings to wed with words;
How frail, how beautiful, like flight of birds—
The words held in our hearts forevermore.

Forgetting tragedies that lie between
Words winging on the pinions of the years;
Youth calling upon Helen, without tears;
Youth, mortal and immortal, at nineteen!

DELEGATES TO G. F. W. C. CONVENTION, 1939

The delegates from Maryland who attended the General Federation Convention in San Francisco, May 8, 1939 were: Mrs. Clyde Hall, Garrett Park; Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury; Mrs. George A. Hax, Baltimore; Mrs. Howard S. Kroh, Baltimore; Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Baltimore.

Proud, indeed, were these delegates from Maryland of the first vice-president, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst. She presided with poise and grace. The programs under her supervision were timely and interesting. A second prize of \$25.00 was received for the work that had been done in "Safety" by the Woman's Club of Forest Park, and the work of the Maryland Clubs with War Veterans received special mention.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ALCOCK

Just as this General Convention closed word reached the group from Maryland of the passing of one of the State's former presidents, Mrs. John L. Alcock, May 13, 1939. The following from the pen of Mrs. George F. Henbeck, recording secretary for the Woman's Club of Roland Park, of which Mrs. Alcock was a member, expresses the deep regard and sincere friendship that all had for Mrs. Alcock.

A TRIBUTE



MRS. JOHN L. ALCOCK

"We feel that resolutions at best, are cold and formal, and since Mrs. Alcock was such a human person, we would like, if possible, to speak of her great worth to the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. A line from the song certainly describes her charm in a very real way. 'A Woman's heart, a woman's hand, a woman's constancy'; for Mrs. Alcock was certainly constant in her devotion to the ideals of the Federation and spread the worth of women's work to every corner of Maryland. Her hand was always outstretched to aid in any possible way . . . The Federation did not mean just the Woman's Club of Roland Park or Baltimore to her, but it meant the whole State—the far western Counties, the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, all the rank and file of women, working everywhere, that America might be a better place for men, women and children . . . Her death coming at the zenith of her influence and popularity, has caused a loss to the Federation, and to her personal friends which is hard to estimate."

"They're passing away these dear, dear *Friends*,
Like a leaf on a current cast;
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the *Beautiful Past*."

—Unknown.

For our *Absent Loved Ones*, we implore *Thee*
That we remain *Worthy* of their *Love*.

—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

The Board Meeting usually held in May, was, in 1939, held in June because of the G. F. W. C. convention at San Francisco. The Board went on record as favoring the study of County Government. At this meeting the Board voted in favor of zoning of the Governor Ritchie Highway for "Beautification and Safety," and also voted that zoning in general throughout the State be made a project for study by the clubs of Maryland.

FINGER PRINTING STARTED AS A PROJECT

On September 19, 1939, the meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the University of Maryland and the members were guests of Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the University for luncheon. Fingerprinting, which had been suggested by Mrs. Harcum as a special project, was started. Mr. A. Cornelius, Jr., representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, recorded the finger prints of all members present.

Four new clubs were admitted to the Federation at the Board Meeting on November 21, 1939: Junior Civic Club of Frederick, 21 members; Woman's Club of Ocean City, 15 members; Junior Woman's Club of Hurlock, 17 members; Junior Woman's Club of Cambridge, 18 members.

The Board, at this meeting, approved the plan suggested by Mrs. Simon E. Sobeloff that we cooperate with the Four Rivers Garden Club of Annapolis in planting trees to beautify our State Capital.

"INFORMATION PLEASE" PROGRAM A FEATURE

The Advisory Council met in the afternoon, when a program on "Youth Plans of Today," was conducted by Miss Bertha Adkins, chairman of Youth Cooperation, in the form of "Information Please" with the following speakers: Miss Caroline T. Lyder, Director of Girl Scout Council; Mrs. H. Ross Coppagem, Supervisor of Recreation, W. P. A.; Mr. Harry T. French, Assistant Scout Executive.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OBJECTIVES AND PLANS

Mrs. Whitehurst told the Council members something of the Golden Jubilee objectives, and Mrs. Sippel, chairman of Pioneers for G. F. W. C., spoke of the plan for each club, district and State to select their three pioneers. The guest speaker for this Council Meeting was, Mrs. La Fell Dickinson, second vice-president, G. F. W. C.

The February 20, 1940 Board of Directors meeting discussed the part Maryland would take in the Golden Jubilee Convention in Atlantic City in May, 1941 and the announcement was made that the State chairman of Drama, Mrs. Howard Kahn, had been selected to write the closing episode of the Pageant, to be produced at that time. The pageant was to depict the progress of women throughout the past hundred years. Two more new clubs joined the ranks at that time: Women's Civic Club of Howard County with 21 members, and the Woman's Club of Greenbelt, with 25 members.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION, APRIL 23, 24, 25

The pre-convention Board Meeting on April 23, 1940 went on record as endorsing the plan of Maryland being responsible for producing the last episode of the Pageant "The Long Trail" to be given in Atlantic City. At this meeting the Board had the honor of endorsing Mrs. John L. Whitehurst for the candidacy of president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Juniors held a round table conference on club problems, followed by a dinner during which they were entertained by a Fashion Show by The Maryland Club Woman Advertisers. Their guest speaker was Miss Letitia Stockett of Baltimore, a noted lecturer and author. Miss Stockett's subject was, "Enchanting Ladies Through the Ages."

The Choral Group of the Junior Woman's Club of Forest Park, under the direction of Jessie Rowleson, sang "Sweet and Low" and "America the Beautiful."

The Forty-first Annual Convention opened officially at ten o'clock on the morning of April 24. The First District, Mrs. C. W. Gregory, was hostess and these ladies were untiring in their efforts to extend hospitality and to make the convention a success in every way.



HELEN BAYLEY DAVIS

Poet Laureate M. F. W. C. 1940

Mrs. Davis was elected Poet Laureate of the Maryland Federation at the Forty-first Annual Convention, April 24, 1940.

HER HANDS *

By HELEN BAYLEY DAVIS

Not smooth and white are they,
Nor gay
With jewels; life has traced, in countless lines,
Its tragedies upon the withered flesh,
Yellowed as ancient shrines.

Serving tirelessly—
To me
They tell a tale of brave and holy things,
Tender and meek. I see them satin-white
And smooth as folded wings.

* This poem appeared in *The Maryland Club Woman*, December, 1927.

MRS. HELEN BAYLEY DAVIS NAMED POET LAUREATE

The first day of the convention records the election of Helen Bayley Davis as Poet Laureate for the Maryland Federation. Mrs. Davis is chairman of Poetry, M. F. W. C., and also, chairman of Poetry, National League of American Pen Women, Baltimore Branch. There follows a brief sketch of Mrs. Davis.

Helen Bayley Davis, a member of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, succeeds the late Lizette Woodworth Reese. Her poems have appeared in leading magazines and her books of verse, "Moth Wings," "I Shall Sing a Song," and a volume of children's poems, which she also illustrated, have found a reading public in Arabia, India, Russia, China, and Mexico. Her poetry has been broadcast and she has given readings from her books before various clubs.

Mrs. Davis studied voice and piano. She held the position of contralto soloist in several Baltimore churches, later specializing in recital work. She has designed greeting cards for many leading publishers both in this country and abroad. An illustration of Mary and Joseph on their way from Nazareth to Bethlehem by the distinguished artists, Maud and Miska Petersham, inspired the following poem:

SACRAMENT

I am the little ass
That carried Mary along the road
To Bethlehem.
Carefully I trod each stony pass,
Proud of my precious load,—
The two of them!

I made my small rough back
Into an easy resting place
For the young Mary.
My little hoofs followed the beaten track
At a gentle quiet pace,—
Prideful, wary.

And now my sacrament is done.
I, the little ass, took care of them—
Mary and her unborn Son—
Along the road to Bethlehem.

"From The Step Ladder"

The poem, "And This, My Son," also from the pen of Helen Bayley Davis seems a companion poem with "Sacrament."

AND THIS, MY SON

Mary, blue-wimpled, stood by the door
Of the carpenter shop; there, on the floor
Lay the little garment that Jesus wore.

Mary, the Mother, her hair like floss,
Bent closer, staring; leaf-green as moss
The garment lay in the shape of a cross.

Mary, blue-wimpled, stood very still
Gazing, stark-eyed, beyond the sill . . .
She Saw Three Crosses on a Hill.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE HELD

Under the department of International Relations, Mrs. Edward L. Smead, chairman, an Institute was conducted with two speakers leading the discussion: "The Two Vital Factors in China's Survival," Miss Ida Pruitt, chairman of the Promotion Committee of Chinese Cooperatives, and Mr. Henry H. Douglas, author of "Japan's Record" and member of the American Committee for non-participation in Japanese Aggression.

The guest speakers for the banquet were: His Excellency, Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor of Maryland, whose subject was "What Maryland Expects of its Clubwomen," and Dr. Esther J. Crooks, Professor of Spanish, Goucher College, who spoke on "What America's Clubwomen are Accomplishing."

The Treble Clef Choral Club of the Wicomico Woman's Club, Mrs. Francis H. Dryden, director, and Mrs. William B. Tilghman, Jr., accompanist, sang several numbers. Interpretations of dances of South America were given by Dr. Amparo Arcaya of Chile, Fellowship Student at Johns Hopkins University, and Signor Gutulio Vargas, Jr., son of the President of Brazil. They were accompanied by Miss Esther G. Gamborov, instructor of Spanish in Baltimore.

Through the courtesy of the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors, George R. Mitchell, chairman, Columbia Pictures Corporation, and the Management of



MRS. SAIDIE ORR DUNBAR

Mrs. Dunbar was the ninth president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to visit Maryland. She addressed the State Convention on April 24, 1940.

Hippodrome Theatre, the members and guests attending the convention were entertained to a mid-night Preview of "Irene."

On the second day of the Forty-first Convention, Mrs. John Gardner, chairman of Pioneers for the State, announced that the State Pioneers selected were:

Miss Margaret S. Wier, for Service; Mrs. John F. Sippel for Leadership; and Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran for the pioneer who had the longest continuous service in a club but who is not living.

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, president of the General Federation and our guest speaker for the morning session spoke on, "Club Problems, Policies and Projects," following which she conducted a question and answer period.

The last number on the program was the Pageant, "Let This Light Shine" written by Genevieve Frazer and produced by the Woman's Club of Elkton. The first episode, "The Spark," gave a brief history of the founding of the Sorosis Club of New York; "The Flame," showed the growth of the Woman's Club movement; "Torch Bearers," told of the formation of early Maryland Clubs; "Let this Light Shine" was the organization of the Districts; "Unity in Diversity" portrayed the past under Mrs. Sippel, the present under Mrs. Harcum, and a prophecy of the future.

The choral groups that sang during this convention were The Woman's Club of Roland Park, and the McDowell Group of Mt. Washington.

Awards were presented by Mrs. Howard S. Kroh, Chairman of Club Extension to the First District, Mrs. C. W. Gregory, President, for the greatest percentage of increase in membership, and by Mrs. Wilmer Fell Davis, Chairman of Birthday Parties, to the Sorosis Club of Baltimore, for the largest gift on a per capita basis.

The Art Chairman, Mrs. John M. de Lashmutt, presented the First Penny Art Fund prize to the Woman's Club of Forest Park and the second prize to the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. Mrs. de Lashmutt also presented awards in memory of her mother, Cora Laws Matthews. The prizes were: The best Oil, which went to Mrs. J. W. Hawley, Woman's Club of Chevy Chase; the best Water-Color, received by Mabel Lazzell Gans, Woman's Club of Chevy



GENEVIEVE FRAZER

Member of the Woman's Club of Elkton

Mrs. Frazer wrote the Pageant, "Let this Light Shine," which was produced by members of the Woman's Club of Elkton, at the Forty-first Annual Convention, April 25, 1940.



These junior club women served as pages during the Federation Convention. Left to right they are Miss Geraldine Farmer, Mrs. Roland Levy, Mrs. William W. Cooper, Mrs. Carleton K. Evans, Mrs. William Willis and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming.

Chase; the best Crafts, won by Katherine S. Dawson, Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, and the best Scrap Book to Mrs. C. Jackson, Woman's Club of Pikesville and Randallstown.

The Contest in Poetry, conducted by Helen Bayley Davis, Chairman, resulted in the First Prize going to Margaret Roberts Schaun, Junior Woman's Club of Mt. Washington, for the poem "Dedication," and the Second Prize going to Inez Barclay Kirby, Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, for her poem "Search Not for Her."

The first prize in the 1940 Poetry Contest won by Margaret Roberts Schaun for her poem "Dedication" is printed on page — .

The poem winning second prize by Inez Barclay Kirby of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase is printed here.

"SEARCH NOT FOR HER . . ."

(The Pioneer Clubwoman)

Search not for her among the graven stones
Where rest the long-forgotten dead,
Unquickened as the passing wind intones
Its lonely requiem. Instead,

Seek her among the living. Clear and strong
Her spirit turns its healing flame
On human ignorance, injustice, wrong
And shadowy lurking-place of shame.

Familiar in the long white halls of pain,
The heavenly coolness of her touch;
And in her eyes, the sick child reads again
The tender Master's "In-asmuch."

And search for her in beauty. You will find
The joy that lifts her heart,
The noblest aspirations of her mind
In music, poetry and art.

With hope surmounting discord, struggle, tears,
Routing the evil with the good,
Her vision ever brightens through the years
Of power undreamed in selfless sisterhood.

The Fifty-first Annual Convention closed with the following prayer by Mrs. John F. Sippel.

CLOSING PRAYER *

By BETTIE MANROE OURSLER SIPPEL

"We bring to you, dear Father, the fabric of high purpose we have woven in the days just past. Perchance in our lack of skill and our ignorance, we have knotted some threads and others have been tangled; yet Thou knowest that we want to follow the pattern Thou hast set for us; and if Thou dost find interwoven some scarlet threads of sacrifice, a blue strand of courage and mayhap a tiny silver line of faith running through, wilt Thou take it all, O Master Weaver, and make it flawless and beautiful in Thy sight.

And as we now go our separate paths, O Father, make us to know that every road, each tiny trail, under Thy guidance, leadeth into the Broad Highway of Thy Love. For the sake of Christ Thy Holy Son."

* "Towards the close of my four years of service as President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs", writes Mrs. Sippel, "my mind began to take stock of the work accomplished, the work that had succeeded and the work desired. It was with humility I thought of accomplishment of good work, and keen regret and sorrow for the unfinished and unwise endeavor. Knowing that I am just an average clubwoman, my prayer seemed to be the thought that would help us all. It is the thought by which I would like to be remembered. It was written late in 1931".

MARYLAND'S PIONEER CLUB WOMEN *

In connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Maryland made an intensive search for the three women eligible to enter the contest for the General Federation of Women's Clubs Pioneer Women.

Almost every club in the State participated. It was an exciting and interesting project. Interesting and often surprising to the pioneer women themselves to review their records as the spotlight of time was focused on them. Interesting and inspiring to the younger members to know of the intelligent planning and the continuous vigil of the pioneers that the material used in laying the foundation of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs was of the highest quality.

Each individual club selected its three pioneer women according to the regulations formulated by the General Federation:

Classification I—The woman who has had the longest continuous membership in a club federated with the General Federation.

Classification II—The woman who has had the longest and most outstanding record of leadership in a club federated with the General Federation.

Classification III—The woman who has had the longest continuous service in a club federated with the General Federation, but who is not living at this time.

These three names, with all information about their club activities, were sent to the president of their district. The president of each of the six districts appointed a committee to select from this list the three district pioneer club women.

These names were sent to the State chairman to be judged by a committee appointed by the State president. After the three State pioneer women were selected their names were presented to the State convention for ratification.

* This report was written by Mrs. John Gardner, chairman of Pioneer Women.

HONORED AS DISTRICT PIONEERS



MRS. B. W. CORKRAN, JR.
Deceased



MRS. JOHN F. SIPPEL
Leadership



MISS MARGARET WIER
Service

MISS WEIR SELECTED FOR CLASSIFICATION I

For classification number one Miss Margaret S. Weir was selected. Her record is an enviable one. She has been an active club woman for fifty-five years, having organized the Myrtle Club of Baltimore in 1885; she was its president for ten years, later serving as vice-president and recording secretary. One of her most valuable accomplishments was the organizing of a chorus class in cooperation with the Peabody Institute.

The present president of the Myrtle Club has this to say of Miss Weir, "She is a born leader and an indefatigable worker and it is through her efforts that the club has reached and maintained its high standards. Many of the present members feel that they owe their success in life to the inspiration received from her." Surely no greater compliment could be paid one.

MRS. SIPPEL HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP

For classification number two the recognition went to Mrs. John F. Sippel. She has laid so much of the foundation on which the Maryland Clubs of today stand that it is hard to decide which achievements to mention in the tiny space allotted.

In 1896 Mrs. Sippel joined the Sorosis Club of Baltimore. After acting as chairman of the various departments and filling the high offices of this club, her interests were extended to other clubs and very greatly due to her influence the Baltimore District was formed. It was under her leadership as vice-president of the Maryland Federation that the State was divided into districts, this being completed in 1925 when the Fourth or Southern District was formed during her administration as president. She served her State as vice-president for two years. For four years (1922-1926) she ably and graciously served as president during which time she gave a great deal of consideration to the County Clubs. The State convention was held outside Baltimore for the first time while she was president.

Under her administration, the State Federation grew from eighty to one hundred and eleven clubs; the State

Endowment Fund was started; the State Song, "Our Pledge" was adopted; five thousand dollars was raised to help pay for General Federation Headquarters in Washington; a State Loan Scholarship was established and was named for Mrs. Sippel; the Maryland Federation affiliated with the Paris Woman's Club, thus extending hands across the sea.

Mrs. Sippel was director to the General Federation for Maryland during 1926. A distinct honor held by no other Maryland woman is hers, that of having been president (1928-1932) of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Every clubwoman in Maryland is indebted to Mrs. John F. Sippel for the high honors she has brought to the State of Maryland—God bless our Pioneer leader!

MRS. CORKRAN'S MEMORY HONORED

For classification number three the honor goes to the late Mrs. Benjamin W. Corkran, Jr., an active member of the Woman's Club of Roland Park from 1897 to the time of her passing in 1937. She was elected to the highest offices of her club and served the State as chairman of various committees, recording secretary and president. Her charm and keen intellect were recognized by all with whom she worked. Maryland is glad to pay tribute to her memory.

MRS. WHITEHURST NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT G. F. W. C.

May was a delightful month to go to Milwaukee. Gardens were a mass of blooms and nature seemed anxious to make the setting for the 1940 Council Meeting of the General Federation one of gorgeous color. Nine delegates from Maryland attended: Mrs. Keith M. Farley; Mildred Kahler Geare; Mrs. Harry L. Harcum; Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley; Mrs. John T. Holt; Mrs. Upton Nourse; Mrs. John A. Price; Mrs. Martin F. Sloan; and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst.

These delegates held a Maryland Dinner, honoring Mrs. Whitehurst and presented her with a very pretty pin from the delegation and a gold fountain pen from the Maryland Federation. At this convention, Maryland received for the

Woman's Club of Forest Park, due to their unusual work in Public Safety, the first prize of \$50.00.

The President-Director, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, had the honor and very great privilege of nominating Mrs. John L. Whitehurst for the office of president of the General Federation. There was no other nomination for this office so Mrs. Whitehurst was unopposed. To celebrate this memorable occasion, the delegation decided to form a club, calling themselves the Milwaukee Delegates Club. The officers elected at their organization meeting in Milwaukee on May 21, 1940 were: Mrs. Martin F. Sloan, president; Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, second vice-president and Mrs. John A. Price, secretary; Mrs. John T. Holt, treasurer.

IMPORTANT ACTIONS TAKEN BY BOARD

The Board of Directors, M. F. W. C. on September 17, 1940, were again the guests of the University of Maryland for their meeting and luncheon guests of the president, Dr. H. C. Byrd.

Four important actions are recorded:

1. Purchase of a \$25.00 gift for the new Home Economics Building in honor of Mrs. Harry L. Harcum.

2. History of the M. F. W. C. to be published and sold for \$1.50 per copy.

3. Designate November 19 as Federation Day in Annapolis. (This was suggested by Mrs. Harcum, in order to plan the four following events: Board of Directors Meeting; Council of Presidents; Benefit for Hammond-Harwood House, and Planting and Dedicating Trees in Annapolis).

The addresses given for this meeting were:

"Civic Responsibility," by Mrs. John F. Sippel; "National Preparedness," by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst; and "The War at Present and Its Prospect," by Dr. George W. Humphreys.

FOUNDATION FUND BENEFIT PARTIES

Eight hundred women gathered around two hundred tables in the Ball Room of the Emerson Hotel on Novem-

ber 10, 1940 for a benefit card party for the Foundation Fund of the G. F. W. C. Clubs in distant counties held parties on the same day, thus making a chain of parties all over Maryland for this purpose. The result was a check for \$1,973.17 sent from Maryland for 1940-1941 to this fund.

LARGEST MEETING IN HISTORY OF FEDERATION

Federation Day in Annapolis was the largest meeting ever held in the history of the Maryland Federation. More than 1200 attended and the Mayor and Council, as did also the County Commissioners, turned over the town to the Federation. The Senate Chamber in the State House overflowed with women from all sections of Maryland as they listened by means of amplifiers to His Excellency, Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor of Maryland, and Dr. Stringfellow Barr, President of St. Johns College, address them. The whole day, reported in detail under the American Home Department, ending with the gracious hospitality extended the group at Government House where they were received by Governor and Mrs. Herbert R. O'Connor, was a great success and will long live in the memory of all who were there.

GOLDEN JUBILEE PLANS COMPLETED

The last Board Meeting of this Administration, save the one at the time of the Annual Convention, was held at Western Maryland College, February 18, 1941. Plans for Maryland's participation in the Atlantic City Golden Jubilee Convention were completed. The President announced that more than five hundred women had signed up for reservations at the Maryland Federation Headquarters Hotel, Marlborough-Blenheim, and that the pageant rehearsals, under the direction of Florence Lloyd Hohman, had been quite successful.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP REPORTED

Perhaps the greatest thrill of the day came when the report of the Memberships Chairman, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes, was read presenting application from six new clubs: Milwaukee Delegates Club, 18 members; Woman's

Club of Worcester County, 15 members; Woman's Club of Dundalk, 95 members; Junior Woman's Club of Ten Hills, 36 members; Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights, 207 members; and Woman's Club of University Park, 33 members. Added to this list by vote of the Executive Committee, within the next week was, The Queen Anne's Community Club with 34 members, making 438 new members to be listed for February, 1941.

At this meeting the State Nominating Committee made the following report of their suggestions for the officers to be elected at the next Annual Convention, May 27, 28, 29, 1941.

President, Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, Woman's Club of Hampstead

Vice-President, Mrs. John C. Shaw, Woman's Club of North Beach

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Calvin Gabriel, The Mother's Club of Baltimore

Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Oldenburg, Woman's Club of Riverdale

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. James P. Earp, Woman's Club of Westminster

This report was signed by the committee:

Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, Salisbury, Chairman

Mrs. Calvin E. Schildknecht, Frederick, First District

Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, Hurlock, Eastern Shore

Mrs. Clarence H. Klingel, Baltimore, Third District

Mrs. Bertha E. Lane, North Beach, Fourth District

Mrs. George E. Pariseau, Bethesda, Fifth District

Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Hyattsville, Sixth District.

Later, the nominating committee selected Mrs. C. O. Clemson of the Woman's Club of Westminster as nominee for corresponding secretary to fill the place of Mrs. James P. Earp who resigned.

The Executive Board at a meeting held at noon appointed Wilmer Black as the Auditor for the Treasurer's books.

For luncheon the members were guests of the President, Dr. Fred G. Holloway, after which they were delightfully entertained with moving picture views, in color, of the Sherwood Gardens shown by Mr. John W. Sherwood.

There follows a copy of this festival musical program as it was presented in 1940. The National Geographic Magazine has in the May number for 1941, a full story of these beautiful gardens with color pictures.

If it so happens that someone has been made a bit the happier, or that someone else has been inspired to create a garden, then the purpose of Sherwood Gardens has been fulfilled.

Through the medium of the camera, we are able to look into the very heart of a tulip and an azalea, and we find there a beauty which we have never heretofore appreciated. These remarkable photographs you will have the pleasure of seeing in this film.

ESPECIALLY ARRANGED AND PLAYED BY LITTLE SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA FOR "MAYTIME IN SHERWOOD GARDENS"
ROBERT PAUL IULA, CONDUCTING

Opening Theme: SWEETHEARTS from "Maytime"	Romberg
SPRING, BEAUTIFUL SPRING	Lincke
SERENADE—from "The Student Prince"	Romberg
DEEP IN MY HEART—from "The Student Prince"	Romberg
VIENNA DREAMS	Dr. Sieczynski
CARESSING BUTTERFLY	Barthelemy
"THE VAGABOND KING"—Selection	Rudolph Friml
WHEN YOU'RE AWAY—from "The Only Girl"	Herbert
MY MOONLIGHT MADONNA	Fibich
VENETIAN LOVE SONG—from "A Day in Venice"	Nevin
FLOWER WALTZ—from "The Nut Cracker Suite"	Tschaikowsky
WOODEN SHOE DANCE—from "Sweethearts"	Herbert
TIP TOE THRU THE TULIPS	Burke
IN AN OLD DUTCH GARDEN	Grosz
AUF WIEDERSEHN—from "The Blue Paradise"	Romberg
YOU ARE FREE—from "Apple Blossoms"	Jacobi
"HIGH JINKS"—Selection	Friml
A WALTZ WAS BORN IN VIENNA	Loewe
SYMPATHY—from "Firefly"	Friml
GOD BLESS AMERICA	Irving Berlin
THE MAY-POLE DANCE—from (Bluff King Hal, Old English and Shepherds Dance from "Henry VIII")	
FLEURETTE	Herbert
WANTING YOU—from "New Moon"	Romberg
SOFTLY AS IN A MORNING SUNRISE—from "New Moon"	Romberg
THE ONE KISS—from "New Moon"	Romberg
SILVER MOON—from "My Maryland"	Romberg
I LOVE YOU TRULY	Carrie Jacobs-Bond
THE LITTLE ONES AT HOME—from "Sounds from the Sunny South"	
OLD FOLKS AT HOME	Stephen Foster
BEAUTIFUL DREAMER	Stephen Foster
SWANEE RIVER	Stephen Foster
Theme: SWEETHEARTS—from "Maytime"	Romberg

The girls taking part in the Maypole and Wooden Shoe Dances are from Friends School, Baltimore. Note how closely the little Dutch girls resemble real Hollanders; the white tulip garden about which they are assembled has in it five thousand pure white tulips, variety Mrs. Grullemans (Darwin).

The dress worn by the young women in the scenes of the "Old South Garden" were modeled from those used in the motion picture, "Gone With the Wind," so typical of the Old South. The wedding gown worn by the young woman featuring the "Bride's Garden" was styled from that of Scarlett O'Hara in the same motion picture.

Some of the specimen tulips shown in the film are as follows:

Advance	Cottage	Blue Eagle	Darwin
Gemma	Parrot	Mrs. John T. Scheepers	Cottage
World's Fair	Cottage	Wall Street	Cottage
Marshall Haig	Darwin	Indian Chief	Breeder
Rosabella	Cottage	Henri Correvon	Darwin
Nectarin	Cottage	Eunice	Darwin
Pink Pearl	Breeder	Captain Fryatt	Lily Flowering
Marjorie Bowen	Cottage	Mary Sherwood	Cottage
City of Haarlem	Darwin	White Duchess	Lily Flowering
Barbara Pratt	Cottage	Vesta	Cottage
Faust	Darwin	Sirene	Lily Flowering
Tantalus	Breeder	Louis Lenghart	Breeder
Venus	Darwin	Parel Schaap	Bizarre
Peach	Darwin	Insulinde	Bizarre
Mrs. Grullemans	Darwin	Flamboyante	Darwin
Perseus	Cottage	Epicure	Double Tulip
Jeanne De'Sor	Cottage	Lenore	Lily Flowering
Louis XIV	Breeder	Fantasy	Parrot
Duke of Wellington	Darwin	Marcelline	Lily Flowering
Reve d'Or	Breeder	American Flag	Rembrandt
Scarlet Glory	Cottage		

Some of the specimen azaleas are as follows:

Kaempferi	Mollis	Hinodegiri	Kurume
Hinamoyo	Kurume	Coral Bells	Kurume
Pink Pearl	Kurume	Ledifolia Rosea	Native of Japan
Japonica Rosea	Native of Japan	Daybreak	Kurume
Maxwelli	Native of Japan	Lavendar Queen	Kurume
Damask Rose	Magnifica Rosea	Cattleya	Kurume
Japonica Alba	Native of Japan	Salmon Beauty	Kurume
Ledifolia Alba	Native of Japan	Koster's Red	Mollis
Debutante	Kurume		

A letter from one of the Board members, part of which is given here, will show the spirit that prevailed at this meeting and has characterized all such meetings held during this administration, 1939-1941:

Dear Mrs. Harcum:

You should feel very happy tonight after such a pleasant and co-operative Board Meeting today. I am sure I never attended a more interesting and congenial one. The trip to Westminster through the cold and wind was well worth it. Surely the warm, gracious friendly spirit of the ladies assembled in that lovely room made us all forget how bitterly cold it was outside. The pictures, too, were beautiful. It was indeed a perfect day

Fond regards,

• M. S. STOLL.

The club women who have been heads of Departments, chairmen of Divisions and Standing Committees have initiated programs, passed on to clubs the suggestions that they received from State and General Federation offices, and cooperated in every way possible to make this administration a success. A brief summary of some of these activities follows in the order as they are listed in the State Directory.

Mrs. John F. Sippel, honorary president of both the G. F. W. C. and the M. F. W. C. writes:

“Mrs. Harcum is to be congratulated on the State-wide personnel of the Board of Directors which she appointed. The State-wide response to her plans and projects has been very noticeable and a real tribute to her fine leadership.”

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Chairman



MRS. R. S. D'ESPARD,

The chairman of American Citizenship, Mrs. R. S. d'Espard has in her three years program, stressed the study of the problems confronting us today along lines of citizenship, civil service, and law observance. This led to many lines of study of the laws and procedures related to the naturalization of aliens and to the development of wider use of Civil Service for the appointment of workers in National and State government agencies. The purpose of this is to increase the efficiency of the personnel. An effort has been made to in-

terest all persons in methods for the reduction of crime.

"Good Citizenship, the Keystone of Democracy," was chosen as the theme for this department so that it might express our sympathy and close cooperation with the theme of Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar's great objective, "Adjusting Democracy for Human Welfare," writes Mrs. d'Espard. She continues:

"As chairman of American Citizenship, I have urged club women to appreciate what it means to them to be an American Citizen, and to feel an individual responsibility in upholding the highest standards of that citizenship.

"The committee as a whole undertook the study of "Efficiency and Economy in Government," and many study groups have been formed in the clubs. Printed copies of a radio broadcast by Mr. Frederick P. Stieff on the subject "It's Your Money" were sent to each club in the Federation.

“Mrs. R. J. Scheffer, chairman of Americanization, has particularly urged the study of the Immigration Laws. Mrs. M. R. Etchison, chairman of Law Observance, for her main objective, stressed the importance of adequate Traffic and Motor Vehicle Laws. Mrs. Philip S. Richardson, chairman of Civil Service, urged the study of Civil Service Reform and the Merit System. She also, with the cooperation and support of the F. B. I., succeeded in getting both the senior and junior clubs to make quite a start on the special project suggested by our president, Mrs. Harcum, that of “Finger Printing for Civil Identification.” Eight of the Junior clubs had their members finger printed and did intensive work in interesting the schools in having all children finger printed. Many of the senior clubs membership were finger printed 100%.

“As I write the world is dark and confused, a world gone mad with hate, brought about through the greed and lust for power of a nation that could have used its great resources for more constructive purposes. We must face it with courage and hope, and remember that through great tragedies the best things we have in life have been brought about.

“I firmly believe that from this war will result a new world, a new way of living, a lasting peace. We fought the last war to make the world safe for Democracy. After we won it, we did nothing to preserve it.

“We have now reached a crisis in which procrastination plays no part. We must have faith, philosophy, and keep our sense of humor if we are to remain sane in an insane world. These are the ingredients of a well-balanced life. Each one of us must play his or her part to protect our country and defend our flag which was made for us by Betsy Ross, a symbol of all we hold most dear.

“How Betsy Made The Flag.” Words and music by C. Austin Miles.

Said Washington to Betsy Ross,
A flag our nation needs
To lead our valiant soldiers on
To high and noble deeds.
Now, can you make one for us?
To which she made reply:
"I am not certain that I can.
At least I'll gladly try."

CHORUS

So she took some red
For the blood they shed.
Some white for purity.
Some stars so bright
From the sky o'erhead,
Some blue for loyalty,
And sewed them all together,
For loyal hearts and true.
And hand in hand, as one we stand,
For the red, white and blue.

The poem, *An Immigrant Salutes The Statue of Liberty*, written by Helen Bayley Davis expresses so well the idea of true American Citizenship.

AN IMMIGRANT SALUTES THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

I am an immigrant—a refugee
Seeking freedom from oppression;
Seeking sanctuary under the protection
Of this Statue, I have plowed
The arid fields, and borne upon my back
Great burdens that have cowed
My spirit. I have seen
The breaking skeletons of little children
Dying from starvation, and the lean
Wild look of hungry men. I have lived
In dim dark places where the sheen
Of sunlight never penetrates.

Now, I come to this vast shore,
To these United States,
A suppliant, begging for freedom,—
Grateful for the welcome of an open door.

Statue, you mean to me
Protection, liberty,
A chance to work—not like a beast,
But as man works. You are the very root
Of courage and democracy.
Great Statue of the Free,
Emblem of Liberty,—
I salute.

"From Opinion"

AMERICAN HOME

Chairman



MRS. WM. E. LENNON

The outstanding thing in the American Home Department, was State Federation Day in Annapolis, November 19, 1940. This department took care of all the reservations and had a part on the days program.

Maryland club women, twelve hundred strong, made a pilgrimage to the State Capitol at Annapolis, Maryland, to observe their Federation Day.

The morning session was held in the House of Delegates

Chamber in the State House and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, of Baltimore, first vice-president of the General Federation, spoke on woman's part in the General Federation program of National Defense. Governor Herbert R. O'Connor spoke on state participation in National Defense. Dr. Stringfellow Barr, president of St. John's College, Annapolis, also spoke, comparing the growth of trees to growth in our own lives. Later a bronze plaque was unveiled, signifying the planting of seventy trees given by the Maryland clubs for the beautification of Annapolis.

After luncheon, under auspices of the American Home Department, the visiting women went to Hammond-Harwood House, presenting a contribution from the club women to help preserve this gem of Colonial architecture. Across the street the lovely Chase House, another Colonial Home, with some of the original furniture and silver from the Chase Family, was visited. This is now a Home for Aged Ladies, sponsored by St. Anne's Church. A contribution was also presented by the Federation to this home, to help in carrying on its work.

A real treat was the visit and drill at the United States Naval Academy, where Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, president of the Maryland Federation, and other state officers were

received by Admiral Wilson Brown. Aides conducted parties through the Academy grounds and buildings.

To end a perfect day, Governor and Mrs. O'Connor opened Government House and served tea to the Maryland Women.

Each department chairman was responsible for a radio program the first year of this administration. Each had a speaker to talk on her department subject. This year April 5th the American Home Department again has a radio program—A Round Table discussion led by Mrs. Wm. Lennon, chairman with a contribution from each division chairman of this department. Religious Training, Mrs. J. Howard Hopkins; Family Relations, Mrs. Douglas Whitlock; Family Finance, Mrs. Conrad Stoll; Consumer Problems, Mrs. Alfred Lee.

Nearly every club in the State has reported one or more programs devoted to the American Home, with subjects too numerous to mention. Consumer Problems possibly lead the list with Religious Training a close second. A number of clubs have reported Hobby Shows, some using the topic "My Home Is My Hobby."

This department asked the clubs to sponsor a fund for the Hammond-Harwood House in Annapolis. \$59.00 was contributed, plus \$166.00 given from Federation Day, making a total of \$225.00 given. \$75.00 was given to Chase House in Annapolis.

During these three years, the department has stressed particularly the division of Religious Training. Mrs. Hopkins has made every effort to impress club women and other groups with the real value and utmost importance of this phase of life. Her article follows:

SPIRITUAL VALUES IN THE HOME

By MRS. J. HOWARD HOPKINS

The American way of life has its fountain in the American home. The American home is the spirit of the nation; in a significant sense it is the nation.

The happiness, peace and helpful living of our people in the constantly changing order of society and the very life

of our American Democracy depends upon the constant spiritual vitality of our homes. Here, too, rests the destiny of all people and the future of civilization.

The American Home department dedicates itself to a mission of education, inspiration and guidance. We would have our part in making America strong and in promoting a world order of peace and good will. Through the homes of America we would serve America and the world, and we would have a spiritual ministry to all of life.

We believe that spiritual growth is determined by: Family loyalty, love, respect for the rights of others, tolerance, self-control, self-reliance, selfless service to others and obedience, and that spiritual enrichment is obtained through sharing of interests in work and leisure time activities.

We urge the strengthening of spiritual foundations through Bible study, grace at meals, and family worship. The Bible must regain its place in the family devotions and become a familiar guide-book to life for the individual.

During the administration we have urged family participation in church, Sunday School and Young People's Church activities; 60,000,000 American people are said to be out of churches; 50% of our young people without religious training. Is this not a challenge to the American home?

"So long as there are homes
To which men turn at close of day,
So long as there are homes
Where women are and children stay
If love and loyalty be found across those sills,
A stricken nation can recover from its gravest ills."

EDUCATION

Chairman



MISS MARIE MOUNT

The department of Education has six divisions: Adult Education, headed by Mrs. H. M. Hollis, of Preston; Youth Cooperation, Miss Bertha Adkins, Westminster; Character Education, Mrs. James L. Benson, Baltimore; Mother Craft, Mrs. Charles E. James, Anacostia, D. C.; Public Instruction, Miss Frances M. Berry, Baltimore; and Library Service, Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, Hurlock. The two advisers of the department are Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland; and Dr. Harold Benjamin, Dean of the College of Education, University of Maryland.

It was suggested to our clubs the first year of this administration that the report of President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Education be used as a basis for study and discussion. The findings and recommendations made by this committee were especially to be considered.

The past two years "Education in Democracy" has been the theme. It was recommended to all clubs that they use as a basis for study the book *The Purposes of Education in American Democracy* issued by the Education Policies Committee and its accompanying outline for study arranged by the Chairman of Education for the General Federation.

Emphasis has been placed on the importance of participation in educational matters if we are to have a true democracy. Recommendations were made to the clubs to use the "Maryland School System" issued by the State Department of Education, in studying the local schools.

At the spring meeting of 1939 the department of Education was responsible for part of the program. The two speakers were Mrs. Robert Olsen, then president of the American Association of University Women, Washington branch, who spoke on the value of pre-school education,

and Dr. H. C. Byrd, from the University of Maryland, who spoke on the contribution of a State University to education in the State.

Miss Bertha Adkins, chairman of Youth Cooperation, sponsored a program, in the fall of 1939, before the executive board on youth. There were outstanding speakers from various youth organizations within the state.

In May, 1939, the department was responsible for four radio program using the panel method. The Adult Education Program in Greenbelt, The Importance of Pre-school Education, and The Problems Confronting the Youth of Today were the subjects discussed. Students from the University of Maryland, Western Maryland College and Hood College participated in two of the programs. Mrs. George Minier Hostetler of Montgomery County was the panel leader in all programs.

During the past year, 1940-1941, the department has re-emphasized education in democracy, stressing self discipline in education as an important part in our defense program.

FINE ARTS

Chairman



MRS. JOHN GARDNER

As we stand at the close of the 1938-1939 and 1940-1941 administration and review the work done in the Fine Arts department there appear many highlights.

The division of Drama has been very active under the capable leadership of one of Maryland's outstanding playwrights, Florence Kahn. She has conducted a class in the art and appreciation of playwriting. The inspiration to write and produce plays and a keener understanding of the professional

plays has been the reward of many that have come under her influence.

At the first meeting of the Fine Arts department, held in

August, 1938, at the Baltimore Museum of Art, an evening's entertainment, for the club women that were coming to Baltimore to attend the State-wide Institute and Advisory Council—Board Meeting November 14th and 15th was planned. Mrs. Luther Benton, the Art chairman, had charge of staging and costuming. Mrs. C. Albert Kuper, chairman of Music, arranged the music.

The play selected was one of Mrs. Kahn's, "All is Not Gold", and was directed by her. The Roland Park Club most generously offered the Fine Arts department their club house in which to entertain on the evening of November 14. The entertainment was received with great applause by a packed house.

At the close of this administration the division of Drama had a very spectacular climax—the last episode of the great pageant given at the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Atlantic City, May 21 was written by Maryland's chairman of Drama, Florence Kahn and put on by Maryland women.

At the 1938-1939 State Convention "The Progress of American Women" in pantomime form, written and staged by the division of Art chairman, Mrs. Luther Benton, was presented. It was in eight episodes and formed a revealing history of the Maryland women up to the fortieth birthday of M. F. W. C. Mrs. Benton was narrator, Mrs. Kuper, chairman of Music, had charge of period music befitting the various episodes.

The divisions of Art, Music and Drama are so tied in that in many projects during the administration they have functioned simultaneously. At the end of the year 1938-1939 Mrs. Benton's resignation as art chairman was regretfully accepted and Mrs. John M. de Lashmutt was appointed to take her place.

Through Mrs. de Lashmutt's efforts interest has been stimulated in the annual art exhibitions. As a memorial to her mother, Cora Laws Matthews, Mrs. de Lashmutt offered four etchings by Irma Davis as prizes in the following classes: oil, water-color, crafts and scrap books. The prize winners were: Mrs. J. W. Hawley, Chevy Chase Club; Mabel Lazzell Gauss, Chevy Chase Club; Kathleen S. Daw-

son, Chevy Chase Club; and Mrs. C. Jackson, Pikesville Woman's Club.

The art exhibitions have come to be an outstanding feature of the State conventions. Each year there is an increase in the entries and interest. At the 1940-1941 convention the seventh annual exhibition will be staged.

The Penny Art Fund, which was adopted in 1932, is always a spot of interest. The clubs winning the P. A. F. prize for the year 1938-1939 were: The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase and Wicomico Woman's Club. For 1939-1940 a painting by Dorothy Mitchell, "From China", was awarded to Forest Park Woman's Club. "The Blue Bowl" painted by Irma Rohlfing Angell was awarded to the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase.

The "Book Page" goes into hundreds of homes five times a year. This guide to good, entertaining and instructive reading is intelligently and cheerfully worked out by the chairman of literature, Mrs. Howard Dozier. In the poetry division much talent has been discovered and encouraged by the annual contests sponsored by the chairman, Helen Bayley Davis. Books of poems were given as prizes to the following—1938-1939. 1st. Prize to Genevieve Frazer, Woman's Club of Elkton for "Nineteen-Nineteen Speaks to Nineteen-Thirty-Nine". 2nd. prize, Elizabeth Osgood, Woman's Club of Kensington Community Club for "Poe Room". Honorable Mention: Inez Barclay Kirby, Woman's Club of Chevy Chase for "Home Coming".

1939-1940—1st. Prize to Margaret Roberts Schawn for "Dedication"—2nd. Prize to Inez Barclay Kirby for "Search Not For Her".

1940-1941—1st. Prize to Inez Barclay Kirby. 2nd. Prize to Helen Gutman Eisenberg—National Council of Jewish Women. In 1939-1940 the chairman of music, Mrs. C. Albert Kuper, put on a Song and March Contest in line with the General Federation Contest. The prize winner for the march, "America Marches On", was Helen Matthews de Lashmutt. The prize for the song was awarded to—Words: Elizabeth S. Osgood—Music; Grace L. B. Milburn.

One of the most cherished accomplishments of this department is the unanimous election, at the 1939-1940 State

Convention, of Helen Bayley Davis as poet laureate of Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. The recognition of her ability as a poet of real genius is rapidly increasing each year. One of England's most noted contemporary poets, Ralph Hodson, writes of Mrs. Davis' poetry—"I like her work immensely, for its naturalness, its liveliness, its great variety, but most of all for its honest beauty." Her poems are published in many leading magazines and newspapers. To those who love beauty, wit and pathos expressed in an unusually lovely manner, the recommendation to read her two published books, "Moth Wings" and "I Shall Sing a Song", is made.

Chairman of Poetry, Helen Bayley Davis, writes:

It is with both pride and deep appreciation that I review the work of the members of the M. F. W. C. in regard to the poetry program during the past three years. To many of the clubs, poetry has become a necessity, not a luxury; something to live with each day, something to give them inspiration and beauty; a much needed balance in an unbalanced world.

Many members are turning to poetry as a means of expressing their inmost thoughts—following the advice so beautifully expressed by the late A. E. Hausman:

"Feast then thy heart, for what thy heart has
had the fingers of no heir will ever hold."

To these clubs and their members I wish to express my gratitude for their unfailing cooperation in my effort to make poetry a necessity, not a luxury—an inspiration for every day living.

The following poems are the winners in the 1940-1941 contest. The prizes will be presented at the Forty-second Annual Convention.

FIRST PRIZE

A SIBELIUS SYMPHONY

By INEZ BARCLAY KIRBY

Woman's Club of Chevy Chase

What passion, oh, what pain this music brings,—
The heart disclosed, the soul of man laid bare,
Old cries of sorrow trembling on the air,
Old grief that speaks from tense and muted strings.
From buried years, rise grim, forgotten things
That voice mankind's long saga of despair,—
The bloody footprints on life's thoroughfare,
The bitter clash of kingdoms and of kings.
The harsh themes fade at last. Among the wild
And dissonant chords, a melody steals in;
A soaring, golden tone of joy appears.
Pure as the singing of a lonely child,
On shining notes of flute and violin,
The breaking human heart smiles through its tears.

SECOND PRIZE

MY LITTLE GARDEN

By HELEN GUTMAN EISENBERG

I am not rich as men count gold
But I am blessed a thousand-fold.
I have a little garden-plot,
A tiny, fertile, sheltered spot,
Where violets and roses grow
And regal lillies row on row.
There, when my office tasks are done,
I gladly work past set of sun.
I dig and ponder, rake and plod
And smell the upturned living sod;
Then render thanks to mighty God
For granting me this pleasant lot
Of working in my garden plot.

Acknowledgment and deep appreciation is given to the adviser of this department for her hospitality, valuable advice and hours of hard, patient work. Florence Lloyd Hohman is a woman of rare artistic talent. This talent has been developed to the highest degree by superior educational advantages. With outstanding executive ability and true unselfishness she stands as a beacon light in her profession.

Mrs. C. Albert Kuper, chairman division of Music gives as her program for this term, 1938-1941, the following plans and their results.

AIMS:

A study of Folk Music, National and State.
Formation and organization of choruses and instrumental groups for the joy of actually "making" music.
Looking out for new talent and paying them for services rendered.
Taking music to "shut-ins" in hospitals, penal institutions, etc.
Contests arranged in search for talent along this line.
Combinations of choruses for impressive effects publicly given.

RESULTS:

Organizations of several choruses and toy symphonies.
Christmas "sings" in hospitals, orphanages, jails, around trees, etc.
Radio performances.
Benefits to buy new instruments and music.
Lecture recitals about operas and symphonies.
Full time concerts by young musicians with suitable fee.
Sponsoring of musical movies and listening with greater discrimination.
Unusual interest in South American music anent the "good-will" movement.
Stephen Foster and his songs used in many programs.
Financial help given to foster musical civic ideals.
Intense study of hymns.
Club songs composed by members and sung.
Talks of current musical offerings with illustration by way of piano and voice.
Participation in the "1000" voice chorus in Atlantic City.

FIFTEEN CHORAL GROUPS IN THE MARYLAND FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS

Choral Group—Women's Club of Govans

Chairman—Mrs. Norwood Falconer, 106 Witherspoon
Rd.

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Chevy Chase

Chairman—Mrs. William Collins, 18 Oxford St.

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Catonsville

Chairman—President Mrs. Karl W. Schlitz, 207 Glen-
more Avenue

Newcomb Bethesda Community Chorus

C/o Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen, 950 Georgetown Rd., Bethes-
da

Woman's Choral Group of Harman

Chairman—Mrs. J. E. Spurrier, Harman, A. A. County

Frederick Junior Civic Club

C/o Mrs. Calvin E. Schildknecht, 314 N. College Pkwy.
Frederick

Director—Miss Miriam Ford

Treble Clef Choral Club of the Wicomico Woman's Club

Chairman

Director—Mrs. Francis H. Dryden

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Ten Hills

Chairman—Mrs. Thomas Rogan, Edmondson Ave., Ca-
tonsville

President—Mrs. M. G. Pierpont, 5500 Roland Ave.

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Roland Park

Chairman—Mrs. Burdette Webster, 5315 Springlake Way

MacDowell Choral Group—Woman's Club of Mt. Wash-
ington

Director—Mrs. Annie Laurie Gokey, 2612 Chelsea Ter-
race

Stanley Pilcher, 5719 Ridgedale Rd.

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Forest Park
Chairman—Mrs. H. R. Stevens, 4600 Manie Avenue

Choral Group—Pikesville Woman's Club
Chairman—Edith C. Banes

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Silver Spring
C/o Mrs. John C. Keele, President
910 Silver Spring Ave.

Choral Group—Hurlock Junior Woman's Club
Director—Mrs. Gimelson
C/o Mrs. Philip Richardson
President, Hurlock Club

Choral Group—Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights
President, Mrs. L. A. Helfrich, Hammons Lane,
Linthicum Heights



WHAT MAKES A HOME? *

Selected

It isn't the house that makes the home
It isn't the portals wide,
It isn't the roof or rooms or walls,
But the folks that live inside.

A palace may shelter an empty life,
A cabin love satisfy;
So it isn't the house that makes the home;
But the folks that live inside.

It isn't the house that makes the home,
The place where true joys abide;
It isn't the furnishings, rich or poor,
But the folks that live inside.

* This poem was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, June, 1928.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1938-1940—MRS. EDWARD L. SMEAD, *Chairman*

Mrs. Smead resigned in 1940 and vacancy filled by Mrs. James W. Hughes.

Chairman 1940-1941



MRS. JAMES W. HUGHES

Mrs. Frederic Beggs, our department chairman, G. F. W. C. declares, "We must understand, and help others to understand what peace entails—reason, tolerance, justice, law and order—demonstrated in all our relationships and woven into the nation's policies."

To hitch our wagon to such a star, we need many study groups. Department plans must be tentative until officially approved, but it is to be expected that study will center around the Kansas City resolutions, particularly those which deal with

the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program and discretionary neutrality legislation.

The International Relations program is, as you know, a continuing one. There are two main features of the program, "The Good Neighbor Tour" and the study of Hull Trade Agreements. More than a thousand clubs enrolled for the "Tour" and to a fortunate few individuals the imaginary tour became a reality. A South American tour under the direction of Mrs. Frederic Beggs, chairman of the department of International Relations of the General Federation, was made in May 1940 from New York City. Certainly this concrete evidence of interest and good will strengthened the bonds of growing friendship with our Southern neighbors.

Regardless of Congressional action on the Reciprocal Trade Relations Act, there is no lessening of interest in the tariff policy of the United States. One must be blind indeed who fails to realize how essential to world peace are normal trade relations between the nations.

The General Federation program was followed to some extent in Maryland, also other splendid projects were carried out. One such was the "Time Club Bureau" by the

Junior Woman's Club of Mt. Washington. As a means of keeping up with and understanding current events, this service is invaluable. Another successful venture was the series of community forums sponsored by the International Relations section of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. New clubs in the Federation adopted International Relations as a special interest and older clubs continued activities which for several years have been outstanding.

To a questionnaire sent to 115 clubs, 60 replies were received. These showed that 10 clubs took the Good Neighbor Tour (club reports showed 20 kits purchased and used in one way or another) and 8 had programs on the Hull Trade Program. Thirty-four clubs had International Relations chairmen, 16 had study groups on international subjects, 10 sponsored forums or round tables. In all, there were 85 programs on International Relations given in the clubs. The questionnaire brought out that 45 clubs had easy access to public libraries, 16 of which had international tables or shelves.

The Organized Peace Movement is more than 125 years old. What will be the emphasis for the peace movement which will secure our national integrity and a governmental policy of peace? Devere Allen says:

"We need a rebirth of 'Non-jingoistic' patriotism, so that we may oppose Fascism with democratic countries free from poverty in the midst of potential plenty, free from unemployment and insecurity, free from that overpowering sense of futility and defeat which was the soil that nourished Fascism. For the fight for peace and the fight for justice should never clash, should never be two fights, but instead one united struggle."

1940-1941—RUTH TYRRELL HUGHES, *Chairman*

This report covers only one year, 1940 and 1941, the Secretary having thus shortly served to fill a vacancy made by the resignation of the one formerly filling this office.

Assuming the duties at this late time in the administration and for such a limited period, it seemed best to carry on as well as possible the work ably begun by the former Secretary, rather than to attempt much that was new. This, then has been the program followed:

1. Acquaintance, through correspondence, with the six District Secretaries.

2. Promotion of policies outlined by the General Federation, with emphasis on the importance of each Secretary having a thorough knowledge of General International

Relations resolutions.

3. The passing on of all material from the General Chairman, with suggestions for its local use.

4. The fostering and promoting of the Good Neighbor Imaginary Tour, the main program of the Department.

5. The furtherance of new resolutions and plans.

That these five objectives have met with some measure of success is evidenced by the following District reports which include:

A class of eleven studying Spanish in the Cumberland Civic Club.

A special program February 17 in the Frederick Civic Club on the subject of "Coordination of Interests in the Americas," with Miss Mary Ott, Professor of History at Hood College, the speaker, and an interest in Spanish study, the result.

A meeting in the Elkton Woman's Club, at which Miss Irene A. Wright, an officer of the State Department in Washington, outlined the growth of the twenty American republics and stressed the responsibility of the United States in reconciling its institutions, customs and ways of life to these many and diversified nations.

Thirty clubs have already adopted the resolution to defend America by aiding the Allies, and many members urged upon their Senators the necessity of passing the "Lend-Lease" bill.

The Woman's Club of Glyndon is making a study of Latin America.

The Woman's Club of Pikesville and Randallstown is sending two Spanish "Readers Digest" subscriptions to teachers in South America.

The Baltimore section National Council of Jewish Women has been making a study of the Far East.

The Woman's Club of Roland Park has monthly International Relations meetings with outside lecturers.

The Woman's Club of Ten Hills is sending a Spanish

“Readers Digest” subscription to a teacher in Buenos Aires.

The Woman’s Club of Forest Park throws its monthly International Relations program open to the public.

In the Southern District, where Mrs. Norman Hansen Ball is chairman, International Relations took first place on the Fall District program, with Miss Anita Ker, recently returned from Venezuela, as the speaker.

The Jessup Woman’s Club, where this subject is always stressed, has had a speaker from China and one from Alaska.

The Chevy Chase Club has a large International Relations section with a bi-monthly study group, and a Spanish class which has been very successful.

The Woman’s Club of Bethesda studied the Far East in the Fall, with special attention to the Dutch East Indies, and Greece, and is now starting a series of Latin American studies.

The outstanding project of this department has been the “Good Neighbor Tour,” series of study and travel log programs. These programs were sent out by G. F. W. C. in cooperation with the Pan-American Union and were a source of real knowledge.

PAN-AMERICAN UNION*

As a culmination of its study of Latin America, the Woman’s Southern Club of Baltimore made a visit to the Pan-American Union in Washington on May 17. We were received by Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Director-General of the Union, and Mr. Pedro De Alba, member from Mexico, who is chairman of the Board of Governors.

This building, one of the most beautiful in Washington, was gaily bedecked that week, with flags of the American republics flying without and within. The reason, the American Scientific Congress was in session there, with representatives from all the South American countries. In the huge ball room, the seats were wired with “language-

* This article was written by Lenore V. Wagner, Program Chairman, Woman’s Southern Club of Baltimore, and published in the October-November, 1940, issue of *The Maryland Club Woman*.

phones," enabling each delegate to hear the addresses in his or her own tongue. A prodigious amount of clerical work was being done by many young South Americans at long tables erected in the corridors for the purpose.

It was surprising that many of our group, numbering thirty, had never before visited the Union. These were especially pleased with the beautiful open courtyard with its many varieties of tropical American plants and trees growing. We saw the yerba mate, South American holly, which produces their tea. There was a bunch of bananas coming to maturity on the banana tree.

There is much of help and interest to be gained in a visit to the Union. It may be that any clubs studying Latin America this year would do well to make such a visit early in the year rather than after their program is finished.

From there, our group repaired to Restaurant Madrillon where a Spanish-American luncheon was served us in the Mayan room, with its beautifully decorated walls depicting the pre-historic Mayan culture of Yucatan.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY

Chairman



MILDRED KAHLER GEARE

Times were when the women of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs thought it "undignified" to have their pictures in the newspapers and to "talk for publication" on worth while Federation projects. This was in 1922 when the present Chairman of Publicity commenced Federation work. Since taking over the chairmanship three years ago, in 1938, not only do the women co-operate in every way with their pictures and interviews, but they have really become most helpful in publicizing the activities of their respective clubs. They realize that no individual or organization can get anywhere without good publicity. All newspapers in the state have given generous space to Federation activities and cooperated in every way.



WOMAN'S SOUTHERN CLUB OF BALTIMORE

Pan-American Union Building, Washington, D. C.

This club held its last meeting of the year, 1940-1941, after studying the countries of South America, at the Pan-American Union Building in Washington, D. C.

LEGISLATION

Chairman



MRS. CALVIN GABRIEL

The Department of Legislation adopted the them, "Taxes versus Cost of Government," and challenged all Maryland women and clubs to make a thorough study of this subject. In developing this program, Mrs. Gabriel said, "Women control 85 per cent of the purchasing power of this country and it is immminently important that they should be fully conversant with tax assessments and the expenditure of public money by elected officials. When a woman housekeeper

finds that expenses are running over her income, she instantly curtails the outlay to balance her budget, but the political manipulator reckons, at all times, with the VOTE back home and the next election."

Another phase of taxes that this department urged the Clubs to make a study of was "Hidden Taxes." Mrs. Gabriel, in making a strong appeal for the study of this problem said, "Hidden taxes, like the submarine in modern warfare, lurk beneath the surface and strike unseen at the very heart of business, big and little. The masses of the people are the great sufferers from taxes. The general theory prevails that if a person does not receive a tax bill the problem belongs to his neighbor, not to them. This is a fallacy. The business of government expenditure, both state and national, is nurtured by taxation of the people. In a republic, self-respecting persons who expect protection under the law should share the responsibility on election day. To those who say, "Government is a racket"—I ask, "What have *you* done to make it better?"

The *Enforcement of Automobile Laws* and the *Enactment* of laws needed for Public Safety have been two other aims of this department. Action taken by clubs throughout the state on special projects arising from interest in legislation were in regard to: roadside beautification; opposition to Sunday baseball and movies; opposition to sale of firearms; classification of motion pictures; crime prevention; revised salary scale for teachers; motor vehicle laws; opposition to present food and drug act; indorsement of government control of the Marijuana weed; competitive examinations for state scholarships.

Juniors, too, have entered into the legislative program of the federation, clubs having speakers on divorce and marriage laws and child-marriage bill. A Junior, Miss Anna May Wilson, of the Vivic Club of Frederick, won the first prize for writing the best article on "TAXES," in the contest sponsored by this department. The second prize went to Mrs. T. Morris Johns, of the Mother's Club of Baltimore. The Woman's Club of Ten Hills was awarded honorable mention for the most outstanding program of legislative work in the year 1939-1940.

A state-wide forum was conducted by this department in co-operation with the Welfare Department. The speaker for this occasion was General Isaac Lobe Straus, who talked on "The Constitution and Its Free Institutions." The former Collector of Internal Revenue of Maryland and the District of Columbia, at the request of Mrs. Gabriel, contributed an article for publication in *The Maryland Club Woman* entitled, "Publicans and Sinners," in which he said, "The hateful specter of killing taxation threatens American life."

Mrs. Gabriel wrote a very comprehensive review of tax problems and the difficulties the average citizen has in understanding the many intricate phases of income taxes and reports, which was published in *The Maryland Club Woman* in December, 1940.

Alexander Hamilton said, "There is no sort of Government so important as the business of taxation, for to sacrifice the resources of the country to the procurement of revenue is confiscation and destruction of Government."

PUBLIC WELFARE

Chairman



MRS. CHARLES O. APPLEMAN

The children of our state and their normal development, the health of our people and their protection from crime, are the chief concern of this department. The division of Child Welfare, Mrs. James Defendorf, chairman, made a study of the value of nursery schools, the principles involved in the Child Labor Amendment, and facilities in the state to care for feeble-minded children. Under the division of Public Health, Mrs. Charles Feeley, chairman, a three-fold program was presented: "First, Education of the people of the state in the facilities offered by our Health Department to promote their health. Second, a study of legislation helpful to the department of Health in promoting health facilities and health standards in the state. Third, cooperation in Cancer Control, in the fight against Tuberculosis and Syphilis, and in the care of the chronically ill. As a slogan Mrs. Feeley adopted, "Keep the State and County Health Departments free from politics."

State Institutions were studied under the division of Community Service, Mrs. T. J. Caruthers, chairman. This division also worked with the Woman's Field Army for the Control of Cancer.

The division of Corrections, Miss Anne M. Sloan, chairman, urged the study of the Interstate Compact Act for crime control and worked for its adoption. Study programs included also: Juvenile Courts and parole system and conditions in penal institutions.

The outstanding achievements of the Public Welfare Department are:

1. Public Health Forum, state wide, with State and Nationally known authorities in the many phases of medicine. Prominent speakers discussed cancer, tuberculosis and the

venereal disease phase of the program and the present aims of the National Health Program.

2. Broadcasts on Better Housing, by Dr. Adolphus and work of State Department of Public Welfare by Mr. J. Milton Patterson.

3. Certificate of Honor from the General Federation of Women's Clubs for the State raising the largest amount for Cancer Control.

4. State-wide Cancer Control Day broadcast on a State-wide hook-up of speakers from the U. S. Public Health and State Department of Health.

5. Cooperation and working with the Woman's Field Army for the Control of Cancer.

The foundation of all useful living is health. The citizens of Maryland are fortunate in that the State Department of Health maintains itself as a science-pursuing agency.

THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Mrs. Charles Feeley, Chairman, conducted an all day STATE-WIDE HEALTH FORUM at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore on January 24, 1940. Dr. J. Mason Hundley, Jr. spoke on "Gynecological Cancer," and Dr. Grant E. Ward on "Problems of Cancer in General with Special Reference to the Female Breast." Another noted speaker was Dr. Austin V. Deibert, of the U. S. Public Health Department, who addressed the group on "The National Health Program with Special Reference to Venereal Diseases." Dr. R. H. Riley, Director State Department of Health, explained the "Health Goals of Maryland and its Pneumonia Control Program as it is Functioning in the State." In the afternoon Dr. Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, spoke on "Maryland's Tuberculosis Program," and Dr. Maurice Pincoffs lead a question and answer period on "Socialized Medicine: An Impartial Discussion."



A bit of the history of the formation and achievements of the Woman's Field Army for the Control of Cancer might be interesting to many and inspire more earnest effort.

The Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, inspired by Maryland's great Dr. John Golt Bloodgood, who

said, "The way to fight cancer is with knowledge," came into actual existence in 1936. Its campaign against suffering, waste and ignorance, is uniquely American; and its program is thoroughly democratic. Volunteer cooperation of women and men were uniting for their own and for the nation's good—to fight cancer.

In this year, there was in progress in the State of Maryland, a project in cancer control sponsored by the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. The Federation, as it had done for several years, was soliciting funds for the purchase of radium for indigent patients at the University Hospital. Realizing the inevitable confusion which would result from having two programs in cancer control running simultaneously in the State, an agreement was made in which the Federation would aid in the organization of the Women's Field Army.

At the convention of the General Federation in 1935, Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, president, brought the importance of the cancer project before the delegates. She explained that such a national organization for cancer control had been an idea of the General Federation for some time. To have this program of cancer control under the direction of the Women's Field Army, was immediately endorsed by the convention. Mrs. Poole, in honor of her pioneer spirit in the movement, was later made honorary commander of the national organization.

The splendid accomplishments in this cancer project by the members of the M. F. W. C. are evident from the

beginning. In the report to the Kansas City Convention, in May 1938, Maryland led all states in the amount of money raised for cancer control, and the Eastern Shore area was chiefly responsible for this. During the administration of Mrs. Harry L. Harcum as District President, this District was foremost in supporting the movement and is still the largest contributing region.

The Women's Field Army was organized in Maryland with Mrs. John Paul Troy as State Commander. In its first year (1938), there was only one county thoroughly organized—that being Wicomico under the captaincy of Mrs. T. J. Caruthers. Although money was subordinated to the dissemination of cancer literature, the campaign raised \$895 through the State, \$549 of which came from the Eastern Shore Counties.

At the close of this first year's drive, Mrs. Caruthers accepted the post of State Commander, which she now holds. Under her leadership, county-wide meetings with eminent speakers were held; radio broadcasts were given; newspapers took up the crusade; and more counties were organized.

The next year 1939, receipts amounted to \$1874, of which \$1207 came from the Eastern Shore district. The total receipts had increased more than 100%. This splendid work being done by members of the Federated Clubs, paved the way in which this very important project was adopted in the fall of '39 as the Federation's own and gave courage to state leaders. A cancer memorial fund was to be established at the University Hospital and all clubs would contribute toward that end. Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, President-Director of the Federation, is responsible for the inspiration and momentum which the clubs gave and are still giving this plan. She, together with Mrs. T. J. Caruthers, State Commander, went before the groups and outlined the importance of saving lives from this dreadful disease. The challenge of curing cancer through an educational program brought all clubs together in a single purpose. It was through the cooperation of these groups and Federated leaders, that the University Hospital has on hand 500 milligrams of radium, 270 of which were given through the efforts of the Federated Clubs.

The cancer memorial fund which is continuing to grow, is honoring clubwomen of Maryland, more particularly those six chosen by districts of the M. F. W. C. Their names are being placed on a bronze plaque which will be hung in the University of Maryland Hospital. Mrs. John L. Alcock heads the list, having been selected by the State and also Baltimore District. The other names on the plaque: Mrs. A. Norman Ward, First District; Miss Louise de' Ginther, Eastern Shore; Mrs. Russell T. Edwards, Fifth District.

The plan of establishing a fund, originated by the Maryland Federation, is one of which Maryland women may be proud. At the last regional meeting of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, Maryland's project was cited by the national officers as ideal. Many states are now adopting it as their own.

HEALING THOUGHTS

There's healing in the thought of truth;
It wipes out false belief.
There's healing in the thought of light;
From darkened thought relief.
There's healing evermore in peace—
It's heaven's healing breath.
There's healing in the life of God,
Delivering from death.
There's healing ever found in love,
Its thorough work you'll find,
So take your choice of healing thoughts
God shares with you in mind.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

ARRANGEMENTS

Chairman



MRS. WILLIAM L. OREM

each year at the time of the meeting of the board of directors of the G. F. W. C.

During the past three years Mrs. Orem has carried out the wishes of the president and Board members in all matters pertaining to the arrangements for the State Board meetings and the Annual Conventions. Conventions have been held at the Emerson Hotel, and the board meetings at the University of Maryland, Annapolis, Western Maryland College, and at the Emerson Hotel. Mrs. Orem, also, took care of all arrangements for the Maryland Dinners in January of

RESERVATIONS

Chairman



MRS. HAZEL S. CLAIRE

quietly and pleasingly, took care of the most difficult situations and skillfully solved the most trying problems during the Annual Conventions. They worked early and late arranging for the comfort and pleasure of others. To them is due much of the credit of successful conventions.

The duty of receiving reservations for meals for all Federation meetings and conventions has not been an easy one. However, Mrs. Claire has handled this work in a most efficient manner. She has directed the placement of guests and members, reserved rooms for dinners and luncheons, and paid all bills pertaining to meals.

“Service with a Smile” can be truly said of the efficient chairmen of Reservations and of Arrangements. Mrs. Claire and Mrs. Orem,

CLUB EXTENSION, 1938-1941

Chairman



MRS. HOWARD S. KROH,

Number per capita (Class A)
Number per capita (Class A) clubs,
March 31, 1938—103
Total per capita membership,
March 31, 1938—5688
Number per capita membership,
March 31, 1939—5953
Increase in per capita membership,
265
Percentage of *net increase*, 4.65

1939 to 1940

Number per capita (Class A) clubs,
March 31, 1939—105
Total per capita membership March
31, 1939—5953

Number per capita (Class A) clubs March 31, 1940—105
Total per capita membership March 31, 1940—6309
Increase in per capita membership—356
Percentage of net increase 5.99

1940 to 1941

Number per capita clubs March 31, 1940—105
Total per capita membership March 31, 1940—6309
Number per capita (Class A) clubs April 1, 1941—111
Total per capita membership April 1, 1941—6,872
Gain per capita membership 563
Percentage of net increase 8.9
Number gain in membership March 31, 1938 to April 1,
1941 is 1184
Percentage of net increase March 31, 1938 to April 1, 1941
is 20.8

Number per capita (Class A) Senior Clubs April 1, 1941 is
97

Number per capita (Class A) Junior Clubs April 1, 1941
is 14

Percentage of net increase for Junior Clubs, 1938-1941,
is 1.4

CLUB INSTITUTE

Chairman, MRS. H. MATTHEW GAULT

The highlight of Club Institute work during Mrs. Harcum's Administration has been "The Promotion of Friendship and the study of Latin America". To this end we have had prominent Latin Americans on our programs. Dr. Amparo Arcaya, the G. W. F. C. Fellowship student at Johns Hopkins Medical School, and the son of the President of Brazil who is a student at Johns Hopkins University, both appeared on our State Program at the Annual Meeting last Spring. The visit of Mrs. Dunbar to Maryland when she told of the General Federation's "Good Will Tour of South America", increased study in our neighbors to the South of us, and the State Chairman of Club Institutes built up many programs and secured speakers for Institutes which were outstanding along this line.

Three Districts in Maryland have yearly State-wide Institutes conducted by the State Chairman and these meetings are significant because of the plan adopted. One Club in the District sponsors the Institute and other nearby Federated Clubs participate. This plan created a large audience and certainly tends to build up Club Friendships. The First District, the Eastern Shore District and Baltimore Districts have cooperated in this manner. In the other Districts many Clubs have had discussional meetings. Baltimore District is outstanding in the number and the size of their Institute meetings. Almost every Club in this District has had Institutes or Round Table discussions on all the Departments of work of the Federation and also on the burning questions of the day. The Annual Music Festival of this District has become a very outstanding affair in Baltimore, featuring local musicians and artists and singing by the Club Choruses. One Club in this District has a series of Round Table discussions twice a month on "National and International Problems"—and many of the larger Clubs have discussion meetings which are continued through the Summer as "porch classes".

The Junior Clubs have been especially interested in Club Institutes and Round Tables. The Chairman had a number of requests to arrange such meetings on "Club Ethics", "Club Procedure", &c., as well as on other subjects in

which they were particularly interested. In the year 1939-1940, 177 such meetings were held in Maryland. This year, 1940-1941, that number has doubled and the questions discussed were on every Department of work, with particular emphasis on *Education, International Relations* and our *Relations with Latin America*.

Programs show a wide range of interest, such as Study of County Government, Study of City Government, Consumers Problems, Fake Charities &c., to such subjects of the moment as "The Lend Lease Bill", "Our New Sea Bases", "The Labor Problem", "Socialized Medicine", "Public Welfare" and especially—"The Problems of Education in these United States." Speakers have been drawn from our own Maryland Institutions of learning and too much credit cannot be given to the University of Maryland, The State and City Departments of Health, The City and State Boards of Education, Goucher College, Johns Hopkins University, The Baltimore Museum of Art, The Central Library in Baltimore, The Tome Institute and many other Institutions, who so generously cooperated with the State Club Institute Program.

We feel it is due to the inspiration of our State President, Mrs. Harcum, whose every address breathes of her belief in Things Eternal—that this year, as never before, requests have come to the State Chairman, for Institutes stressing the "Spiritual" side of life. "Spiritual Values on the Home", "Character Building in the Home", "Christian Education" &c., have been requested and it is a hopeful sign that many of these requests came from our Junior Clubs.

We firmly believe that the Club Institute is the medium for the dissemination of Club knowledge, for the discussion of all problems in which we, as Club women, are interested today, and for the building of Club friendship. Out of our experience of several years in this work, we feel our belief is justified.

Note: The Club Institute work in Maryland was inaugurated by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst who appointed Mrs. Gault as Chairman.

Mrs. Gault was reappointed by Mrs. Allen and served during her term of office.

She served as Chairman for Baltimore District for 3 years, and—

Was appointed State Chairman by Mrs. Harcum the Fall of 1939—serving to the end of her Administration.

CLUB WOMAN G. F. W. C.

Chairman, MRS. S. LLOYD JOHNSON

The work of the State chairman for the Clubwoman G. F. W. C. has been to stimulate an interest in the magazine of the General Federation. Many of the club members have felt that the State magazine was sufficient to give them club news, not realizing that it could not cover adequately the broader scope of the organization as a whole.

During the past three years articles have been written several times each year for *The Maryland Clubwoman* for the purpose of presenting to our members definite information regarding The Clubwoman G. F. W. C. For two years every club president in the state has been contacted.

As a result, it is gratifying to report that subscriptions going through the State chairman have steadily increased during the present administration.

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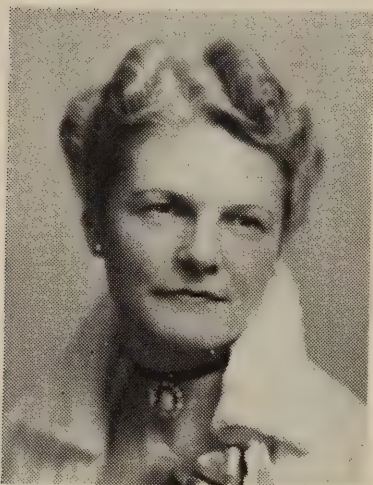
Chairman, MRS. JAMES B. NOBLE

Pin Sales	President Pins	Members	Jr. Pres.	Total	Bar
First year	13	1	1	15	
Second year	15	1	2	18	
Third year	14	3	5	22	5
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	42	5	8	55	5
Total of			60 articles		
State Presidents Pin			1		
			—		
			61 articles		

In each year every club in the Federation has been contacted either by letter, bulletin or personally, sometimes all three. Also each year at least three articles have been prepared by chairman and published in *The Maryland Club Woman*.

FOUNDATION FUND, G. F. W. C.

Chairman



MRS. WILMER FELL DAVIS

The final report by the chairman at the close of the previous administration showed that up to March 31, 1938, Maryland had given to this Fund a total of \$1,291.35 in nine years. During the past three years, 1938-1941, Maryland adds to this, the amount of \$4,225.64, making the total to date of \$5,516.99.

Fiscal Year	Amount
1938-1939	\$ 835.50
	5.00*
1939-1940	1,416.97
	10.00*
1940-1941	1,958.17
Total	\$4,225.64

*Sent direct to G. F. W. C.

GARDENS

Chairman



MRS. SIMON E. SOBELOFF

The University of Maryland, at the request of the Garden Chairman, compiled lists of flowers, shrubs and trees favorable for Maryland planting, together with their description and culture. This list was mailed to every District Garden chairman and to every club president. Then a contest was announced, offering a prize, a year later, to the garden owner whose garden showed the greatest improvement. The judges, Professor W. R. Ballard of the University of

Maryland and of the United States Department of Agriculture Research, and Mr. J. V. Kelly, Secretary of the Park Board of Baltimore, awarded the prize to Mrs. L. Warrington Carr, of Annapolis and honorable mention to Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff of Baltimore.

The greatest achievement was the planting of about seventy trees in our State Capital. The tree-planting project was brought to us by the Four Rivers Garden Club of Anne Arundel County, whose aim was to beautify Annapolis. Types of trees and their location were outlined by the State Forestry Department. The Maryland Federation was immediately interested in entering on this project, and the clubs enthusiastically and patriotically sent their contributions. Seventy trees were planted.

A bronze marker on the Court House bears the legend:

These Trees

Presented By

The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

To Help Beautify Annapolis

November 20, 1940.

The plaque was unveiled, and the trees dedicated, on that date, when a pilgrimage to Annapolis, including many lovely features, centered around this ceremony.

A ballot on the state choice for a General Federation flower showed the daisy to be the favorite, possibly because of its likeness to the Black-eyed Susan which was voted as the emblem of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

Clubs have shown a vital and growing interest in gardens.

PUBLIC SAFETY

MRS. CHARLES H. THOMPSON, *Chairman*

The work done in Public Safety includes the planning of a program for use in the clubs to increase the study of needs to bring about more cautious traveling on the highways. The chairman had the honor of being appointed by Governor H. R. O'Connor on his special committee for the study of traffic and safety measures, of which the president of the M. F. W. C., Mrs. Harry L. Harcum is also a member having been appointed on the Executive Committee by the Governor. Speakers have been secured for addresses at meetings and radio programs.

Outstanding work was done by the Woman's Club of Forest Park with Mrs. Edward McGee as their chairman. This club was awarded 3rd prize in 1938, an honorable mention in the G. F. W. C. contest. In 1939, they won 2nd prize of \$25.00, and in 1940 they received 1st prize of \$50.00 for their work. The chairman feels this club is deserving much of commendation, and takes great pride in relating the achievements.

The chairman states that, "We feel that we have demonstrated that injuries and death resulting from needless accidents can be reduced, and through safety measures, observed carefully, can come a day when an accident on the highways will be an unusual thing."

BETTIE M. SIPPEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND,

MRS. D. A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*

In 1926, The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs established the "Bettie M. Sippel Student Loan Fund," so named in honor of the woman who was at that time President of the Maryland Federation and later President of the General Federation. In the fall of the same year the first loan was granted. From the date of this first loan until the present time, the "Bettie M. Sippel Student Loan Fund" has aided fifty-four girls. The fund was started with \$90.00; today the total value of the fund is almost \$6100.00. The only source for this fund has been voluntary contributions from member clubs. This fund is an actual loan fund. The girl who uses it signs an agreement which binds her to repay every penny within three years after graduation. In addition to the State Loan fund, four out of the six districts have their own loan funds, totaling over five thousand dollars.

WAR VETERANS,

MRS. R. S. ALLEN, *Chairman*

Maryland has supplied its Veterans with material comforts so the M. F. W. C. has cooperated with Veterans Or-

ganizations each year in the sale of poppies, for the purpose of assisting families of both living and deceased veterans. Magazines, cigarettes, etc., have been sent to hospitals.

The committee was featured on radio program April 19, 1941, with an address by Col. F. C. Reynolds, Chaplain, Headquarters 29th Div. Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

IF I WERE TWENTY-ONE *

By ALICE CARTER COOK

What would I do if I were twenty-one
And life, a boundless sea, before me lay—
Its golden treasure to be sought and won—
My helm set proudly on the outward way
Over the waves where singing sirens play
In the red radiance of the westering sun—
Free as a soaring gull to stop or stray—
What would I do if I were twenty-one?

What would I do if I were twenty-one
And all the kingdoms of the earth were mine,
And all the glories underneath the sun
Lay at my feet—the human form divine
Mine to mould bravely to God's grand design,—
My task to run Life's splendid Marathon
And lay my laurel wreath on Beauty's shrine—
What would I do if I were twenty-one?

ENVOI

O Lord of Life, Who knows the human heart,
If this my life might be once more begun,
Thou knowest I would do (for wise Thou art)
Just what I *did* when I *was* twenty-one.

* This poem was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, February, 1929.

THE GROWTH OF THE FEDERATION

1938-1941

Brief reports submitted by some of the new member clubs testify to the growth and vitality of this group of clubs so recently federated. They comprise an interesting variety of clubs for seniors and for juniors.

DELEGATES CLUB (KANSAS CITY) 1938

By MRS. CHARLES O. APPLEMAN

The Delegates Club was organized under the leadership of our State President, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, on Monday, November 14, 1938. Those elected to office on that date were: Mrs. Charles O. Appleman, College Park, president; Mrs. George B. Merrick, Upper Marlboro, vice-president; Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, Baltimore, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Ludlam, Ocean City, treasurer. The membership is composed of the delegates who attended the General Federation meeting at Kansas City, Missouri. The purpose of the club is to perpetuate friendship and to bring together those women who worked so actively at the Kansas City meeting for the election of Mrs. John L. Whitehurst as first vice-president of the General Federation. The original name of the club was Mary-Kan-Del, but was changed on April 12, 1939, to Delegates Club (Kansas City). The club holds its regular meeting each year at the time of the State convention. The present membership is 60.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF TEN HILLS

By SARAH F. MARTIN

The Woman's Club of Ten Hills with a membership of one hundred and sixty will hold its last meeting of the season in May after a very successful year's work. The club was organized by Mrs. Mervin G. Pierpont and Mrs. Carl W. Wheelock with a charter membership of one hundred and three; it was admitted into The General Federa-

tion of Women's Clubs on March 24, 1939; and it has been in existence for a little more than two years. During this time it has fulfilled its purpose for organizing; namely, "to encourage and assist in the promotion of civic, educational and cultural work for individual and community benefit." The officers are: Mrs. Mervin G. Pierpont, president; Mrs. F. Wm. Tillinghast, first vice-president; Mrs. Leonard H. Gempp, recording secretary; Mrs. John L. Dunnock, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Edward W. Dorsey, treasurer.

There are eleven departments, each with an able chairman. The work has been carried on so that all the members had an opportunity to do their share in the work of their own choosing. The standing committees, also with well-chosen chairmen, perform their duties with skill and efficiency.

The monthly meetings have been well attended. The group meetings held in the members' homes were appreciated by all. The first year's history of the club has been written and is already in the files of the club. Our success is in a large measure due to fine and able leadership and to a membership willing to be led.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF SILVER SPRING

By MRS. JOHN C. KEELE

The object of The Silver Spring Woman's Club, organized February 1, 1939, is to promote all things which tend towards the betterment of life. With the rapid growth of our community, the need for a Woman's Club with unlimited membership was evident. A call was given to the women who would be interested in forming a new club to meet at Grace Church on the evening of January 23, 1939. About seventy women came. A plan to organize two clubs, one to meet in the afternoon and one to meet in the evening, was the outcome. (Sorry to say the evening club has disbanded).

All women attending the meeting signed a card giving former club affiliations and designated the phase of club work in which they were interested. The result was the forming of six departments.

A temporary chairman, Mrs. John C. Keele, and secretary, Mrs. Howard Smith, were elected at this meeting. The chairman appointed a committee of six to meet and draw up a Constitution and By-laws to present to the group February 1, 1939. The report of the committee composed of Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. Chas. E. Krueger, Jr., Mrs. Edwin Sherer, Mrs. Leroy Leasure, Mrs. George Milne, and Mrs. John C. Keele, was adopted with minor changes. All agreed to have the dues take care of all finances. A nominating committee was appointed. Mrs. M. Edwin Sherer, chairman, Mrs. Lew T. Skinner, and Mrs. Ralph Tarrey. The officers elected at the March meeting were: Mrs. John C. Keele, president; Mrs. Hugo Wukler, first vice-president; Mrs. John Scheidy, second vice-president; Mrs. G. Harris White, recording secretary; Mrs. E. R. Gates, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles E. Krueger, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. M. Edwin Sherer, director. We had fifty-five charter members.

The Art department has given much pleasure to a number of women who at some time participated in various types of art work. The Music department fills a similar need for that group. It has one meeting a month for music appreciation and choral rehearsal each week. The Civic department found a large group of new comers as well as old residents who were anxious to learn and know more about the laws of our State and county. The Home and Garden department has been helpful to all members who had problems.

The Literature department has been most interesting. Review of books, fiction and non-fiction, are given each month by department members. Members of the Welfare department give a day a month to sewing for whatever agency needs their help. They give another half day a month for making scrap books for children in hospitals, or to making surgical dressings. This department has charge of The Sick Room Loan Closet operated by the club. This closet contains bed linen, crutches for children and adults, sick room equipment, etc. Any of these things are loaned to residents of the community free of charge.

The general club meetings are held the first Wednesday

of each month at 1:30 P. M. in the Parish Hall of the Woodside Methodist Church. We begin our year with a Tea in honor of new members and close the year with a luncheon. Our membership has increased by forty-eight in two years. The club publishes a year book covering all programs and activities.

JUNIOR CIVIC CLUB OF FREDERICK

By NOLA FOGLE

The Junior Civic Club of Frederick which is sponsored by the Frederick Civic Club was organized Friday, October 13, 1939 at the home of Mrs. Calvin E. Schildknecht, College Parkway, Frederick, Maryland. Mrs. David H. Taylor, of Westminster, chairman of the Junior Club of Frederick and Miss Geraldine Kreh, who is contact chairman between the two clubs, were present to help with the organization.

The constitution and by-laws of the club were discussed after which the following officers were elected: President, Dorothy Ford; First Vice-president, Alma Miller; Second Vice-president, Mary Alice Brown; Secretary, Nola Fogle; Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Bussard; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Alice Pickett.

The following committees were appointed:

Community Service: Geraldine Kreh, chairman, Helen Tabler, Nola Fogle, Mrs. Frances Bussard, Mrs. Alice Pickett.

Program Committee: Nola Fogle, chairman, Jane Esterly, Mildred McBride, Anna Marie Carmack, Virginia Mackley.

Publicity and Scrapbook Chairman, Mrs. Alice Pickett.

Constitution and By-laws Committee: Elizabeth Shaw, Frances Buckingham, Dorothy Ford, Anna May Wilson, Hazel Lewis, and Mrs. Calvin Schildknecht. This meeting was held at Mrs. Schildknecht's on Monday, October 23, 1939.

We are planning to get the "Community Center" as our meeting room. We are also planning a cafeteria supper and later using these proceeds for a dance.

Mrs. Taylor suggested we send cards listing the various programs and let the girls choose the one that interests them most and thus help the program committee arrange programs.

We have organized a chorus with Miss Helen Tabler accompanist and assistant director.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OCEAN CITY

By ELIZABETH LAWS

On the evening of Friday, November 3, 1939, a group of Ocean City women met with the president of the Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, and the State Club Extension Chairman, Mrs. Howard S. Kroh, at the Hastings Hotel for the purpose of organizing a local club. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kroh who served as chairman throughout the business session in the absence of Mrs. Philip S. Richardson, the District Chairman.

A motion was made and seconded that a woman's club be formed in Ocean City. This was the unanimous will of the fourteen women assembled who became the charter members. The officers elected were: Mrs. Guy R. Ayres, President; Mrs. R. J. Massey, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. R. H. Bailey, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Charles Ludlam, Treasurer; Mrs. Harry Cropper, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ralph Dennis, Corresponding Secretary.

The following members were elected as the Advisory Board: Mrs. Harvey Thomas, Mrs. William Tilghman, Mrs. Henry Bierbower, Mrs. John Lynch, Jr., and Mrs. Douglas Wallop. The name selected for the club was The Woman's Club of Ocean City. The purpose of the club was to strive to improve conditions in Ocean City which will contribute to the welfare of the community.

The accomplishments of the club during the first year were: sponsored "Clean Up Week;" purchased trash cans for the boardwalk; discussed sanitary conditions with the mayor; investigated moral conditions in some of the homes of the community; contributed to the free lunch program

in the school; distributed baskets to needy families; organized sewing groups to make garments for the Red Cross.

The Pioneer Club Woman's Pin was presented to Mrs. Charles Ludlam in July, 1940 in recognition of her work as the founder of the club.

THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF HURLOCK

By MRS. JOHN J. BREUIL

On November 8, 1939, Mrs. Philip S. Richardson, president of the Hurlock Woman's Club called together a group of Hurlock's young women. Mrs. Richardson told of the worthwhile work done by Women's Clubs and how the Junior Women's Clubs prepare young women to become better American citizens.

This group of eighteen young women became so interested that the Junior Woman's Club of Hurlock was organized that same night—November 8, 1939. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. John J. Breuil; Vice-President, Miss Martha Steinmetz; Recording Secretary, Mrs. William O. Corkran; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Louise Gunn; Treasurer, Mrs. George Kuhn; Senior Contact Chairman, Mrs. Philip S. Richardson.

The aim or objective for this organization is the development of its members in intellectual endeavor, social fellowship, and community service. Now in our second year this club has increased its membership from the eighteen charter members to a membership of twenty-eight.

The club has sponsored a great many projects. It beautified the town green by planting flowers and shrubbery. It sponsored "Help Santa Campaigns" in 1939 and again in 1940. It was hostess to the Hurlock Woman's Club in November, 1940, and to the Junior Clubs of the Eastern Shore District in February, 1941. It has donated linens to the Hurlock Fire Company; made contributions to needy families, the Cancer Control fund, Dorchester Child Aid Society, and the Cambridge Maryland Hospital. At present the club is sponsoring classes in Home Nursing under the direction of the Dorchester County Health Board.

WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB OF HOWARD COUNTY

A number of women desiring to take a more active part in furthering the cultural, academic and social advancement of our community met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Mayfield in Ellicott City on November 21, 1938 to discuss the organization of the club which has become so active in Howard County under the name of the Women's Civic Club.

Through the cooperation of Herbert L. Brown, Superintendent of Schools and John Yingling, the principal of the combined Ellicott City High and Elementary Schools, the library of the local school was placed at the disposal of the group for its meetings.

On Monday, December 12, 1938, the first regular meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve a term of one year: Mrs. Dorothy Mayfield, president; Mrs. Anna Sallee, vice-president; Mrs. Laura Doll, recording secretary; Mrs. Adeline Kochman, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Minnie Donaldson, treasurer.

Many issues of a general nature were discussed at the early meetings with a view to local improvements and actions on several projects were instituted. Mrs. Eleanor Damm was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the possibilities of organizing a Public Library in Howard County. A committee was appointed to approach the County Commissioners on the removal of the incinerator from its present proximity to the public school and transfer it to a more suitable place. The possibility of eliminating the street car tracks from Main Street, substituting a bus, received much animated interest. Since it had been brought to the attention of the group that Howard County was the only remaining County in Maryland without a Library, the organization of a Free County Library was adopted as the first big project to be sponsored by the Club.

With the prime purpose, then, of organizing a money-raising campaign for library funds, a mass meeting was held on March 31, 1939, at the Elementary School which was attended by representatives from the entire county.



FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY
Woman's Club of Greenbelt

The county was then divided into districts, each with its own chairman and local committees, to undertake the canvassing of county for contributions. With the organization of the Friends of the Library Association, the Women's Civic Club relinquished its active sponsorship of the library drive, the jurisdiction passing into the hands of the Board of Trustees of the newly formed association. The high point of the Civic Club's endeavor on the library project climaxed with the official opening of the Howard County Public Library on Friday, October 11, 1940.

In the summer of 1940 the Club became affiliated with the Federation of Women's Clubs thus allying itself with an organization whose integrity and progressive achievements are recognized and applauded throughout the State and County.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF GREENBELT

By MRS. CHARLES E. FITCH

Primary accomplishment was the organization itself which grew out of the need for such a medium of expression which had been contemplated for a long time by Mesdames Benefiel, Braden, Downs and Freeman, but had been delayed until all the housing units were filled up so that all might participate in the work.

Actually eight members were present when the meeting was held November 3, 1939, at the home of Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis, and Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Maryland's President-Director and her friend, Mrs. T. J. Caruthers helped whip the organization into shape. Election of officers was held November 17, 1939, the following being elected to serve for a term of two years: President, Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Leon Benefiel; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. S. Hartford Downs; Secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Fitch; Treasurer, Mrs. Wallace Mabree; Director, Mrs. Roy S. Braden. The club applied for membership into the Federation and was accepted by the County under date of January 19, 1940 and by the State in February 21, 1939.

Under the kind supervision of Mrs. Benefiel a year book

was gotten out in advance covering the time from October, 1940 to May, 1941. This book was compiled by Mrs. Elizabeth Fickes. The F. B. I. cooperated with us in our fingerprinting program sending us speakers and demonstration, at which time over half our members were fingerprinted. Mrs. H. Matthew Gault gave us invaluable suggestions on club behavior and procedure. We contributed a tree at Annapolis and a delegation attended Federation Day at Annapolis and were guests at a tea given by Governor and Mrs. O'Connor on that day. We held a card party on November 13, 1940 to tie in with the State Card Party to raise funds for the Foundation Fund. On December 9, 1940 the club gave its first public entertainment in Greenbelt. Under the auspices of its Fine Arts committee, the club presented a very delightful program "Cycle of Life" in living pictures. The familiar masterpieces were impersonated by members of the club, under the direction of Mrs. Wm. Murdock. Our first birthday was celebrated with a Candle Lighting Ceremony held at the home of Mrs. S. H. Downs, with Mrs. Harry L. Harcum as guest speaker. February being a patriotic month our guest speaker was Capt. Wm. Walsh of Walter Reed Hospital, who told us what women's clubs can do to help our National Defense. Our latest project is the formation of a Highways & Byways Committee with Mrs. Braden as chairman, to work with the administration in beautifying Greenbelt's highways. The club has adopted the flowering crab-apple as its flower and these trees will be planted along Greenbelt's Highways. We have just concluded our second year; we hope it has initiated a quite successful existence.

THE MARYLAND BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY

By MRS. GEORGE E. HALSEY

Following the ratification of the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Federal Constitution, in August, 1920, the Just Government League of Maryland, an organization that had been working for the enfranchisement of women, reorganized as the Maryland Branch of the Na-

tional Woman's Party, and at its Convention, held April 12-13, 1921, at 817 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., stated its objective, as follows:

"The object of this organization shall be to secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships."

The first officers of the Association were:

Mrs. Donald R. Hooker, president; Mrs. Charles J. Ogle, first vice-president; Mrs. C. N. Gabriel, second vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth D. Crawford, treasurer; Miss Augusta Meyer, recording secretary; Miss Florence Hanna, corresponding secretary.

The principal accomplishments of the Maryland Branch of the National Woman's Party since 1921 are as follows:

(1) Passage of a law, Ch. 454, Laws of 1922, providing that women shall be eligible to hold public offices and positions; (prior to 1922 women were ineligible).

(2) Passage of the Teachers' Equal Rights Law, Ch. 233, Laws of 1924, making it unlawful for the school authorities to make any discrimination based on sex, in the employment of teachers in the public schools.

(3) Passage of the "Testamentary Law," Ch. 409, Laws of 1924, providing that grandfathers or grandmothers shall have the same right of inheritance.

(4) Passage of the Equal Guardianship Law, Ch. 561, Laws of 1929, providing that the father or mother shall be joint natural guardians of a minor child. (Prior to the passage of this law the father was the sole natural guardian).

(5) Since 1930 a few other legal discriminations have been removed from the statute books at the instigation of the Woman's Party, and the addition of new discriminations has been prevented, but the major efforts of the organization have been directed toward the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Federal Constitution which reads: "Men and women shall have Equal Rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction." This Amendment is now pending before Congress.



LUNCHEON FOR OFFICERS OF THE MILWAUKEE DELEGATES CLUB.

Left to right: Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Mrs. Martin F. Sloan, president.
Mrs. John T. Holt, treasurer, and Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Vice-president.

The Woman's Party has also worked consistently for jury service for women in Maryland and for the election and appointment of women to public office.

The present officers of the Maryland Branch are:

Mrs. George E. Halsey, president; Mrs. L. John Fisher, vice-president; Miss Anna Gardill, recording secretary; Miss Grace Lotz, corresponding secretary; Miss Dorothy Luebbers, treasurer.

MILWAUKEE DELEGATES CLUB

By MILDRED KAHLER GEARE

The Milwaukee Delegates Club was organized on May 21, 1940 in Milwaukee, at the Grand Council meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the following officers elected: Mrs. Martin F. Sloan, of Baltimore, president; Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, of Salisbury, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, of Chevy Chase, second vice-president; Mrs. John A. Price, of Salisbury, secretary; and Mrs. John T. Holt, of Salisbury, treasurer.

As there were but nine members of the Maryland Federation attending the convention, and the wish was to affiliate with the State Federation, at a meeting in February, 1941 at the home of Mrs. Sloan, in Roland Park, Baltimore, it was voted to increase the membership.

Those to be asked to join were: the present officers of the State Federation, the past presidents, and those who attended the San Francisco Grand Council meeting of the General Federation in May, 1939, thus making the required number of fifteen or more to affiliate with the State Federation. All who were invited to join, did so.

At the Board of Directors meeting of the Maryland Federation in Westminster, in February, 1941, the Milwaukee Delegates Club was admitted into the Federation, through the First District. The purpose of the club is to carry out the aims and work of the Maryland Federation and the General Federation. An election of officers will be held at the triennial convention of the General Federation in Atlantic City, at the Marlborough Blenheim, on May 20, 1941.

THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF TEN HILLS

By JANE OGDEN

The Junior Woman's Club of Ten Hills, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club of Ten Hills, was organized by Mrs. Mervin G. Pierpont and Mrs. Carl G. Wheelock at a meeting held February 3, 1941 at the Parish House in Ten Hills. Charter members of the club number fifty-seven. At this meeting the group was addressed by Mrs. Ira J. Pool, Club Extension Chairman.

On February 10, 1941 formal application was made for membership in the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. The Junior Woman's Club of Ten Hills was accepted into the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs on March 1, 1941. Mrs. Mervin G. Pierpont, president of the Woman's Club of Ten Hills, was chosen by the Juniors as contact chairman. The object of this organization is to develop its members in intellectual endeavor, social fellowship and community service.

The first regular meeting was held in March. On this occasion Mrs. B. W. Gillespie, chairman of Juniors in the Third Maryland District, and Mrs. Ronald B. Levy, former president of the Junior department of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, gave interesting and informative talks on "Club Ethics." Mrs. John L. Whitehurst was guest speaker at the April meeting. She stressed the importance of the work the women of America can do in the world today.

The Club has the following standing committees: Program, Press and Publicity, Membership, Hospitality, and Arrangements. Other committees are: Art, American Home, Music, and Welfare. It is the desire of this group to develop into an intelligent, energetic and courageous body of young women, beneficial to our Community, to our State, to our Nation, and thus to ourselves. The officers are: Miss Jeanne A. Klare, president; Miss Audrey Bose-ly, vice-president; Miss Anne Lutz, recording secretary; Miss Betty Lee Lawson, corresponding secretary; Miss Kathryn Green, treasurer.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF LINTHICUM HEIGHTS

By MRS. LESTER A. HELFRICH

Organized 1939

Federated 1941

On a June afternoon in 1939, a community meeting was held to decide whether or not there was enough interest to warrant a Woman's Club in Linthicum Heights. On June 21, fifty-two ladies voted for a club, and machinery for organization was set in motion. By September 7, 150 women had signified their interest in joining, and plans were well under way. On September 12, a meeting was called for the purpose of organization and election of officers. The following officers and board members were elected for 1940-41: Mrs. Lester A. Helfrich, president; Mrs. Francis B. O'Donnell, first vice-president; Mrs. Raymond W. Palmer, second vice-president; Mrs. H. R. Christopher, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert D. Nutting, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alfred J. Levens, treasurer.

The Board of Directors are: Mrs. L. Meredith Bonner, Mrs. Joseph D. Jameson, Mrs. Wm. J. Grimm, Mrs. Hampton Linthicum, Mrs. N. B. Gwynn, Sr., Mrs. Edward J. Paige, Mrs. W. M. Harman, Mrs. Edward Pridham, Mrs. Carl B. Jacobs, Mrs. Charles C. Williams. Night Group Chairman: Mrs. Dorothy Reilly.

The first meeting was held on October 10 with various groups carrying out their scheduled programs. Literature, Art, Drama, Music and Chorus, Garden, Bridge and Playmakers groups were started. A night group for business and professional women was organized. This group held its first meeting in November.

One of the outstanding achievements of the club year was the planting of a living community Christmas tree on a vacant lot. The tree was first lighted on Christmas Eve and, around it, carols, led by the club chorus, were sung. Later, the Garden group undertook the landscaping and beautifying of the park, a permanent feature of their program. Other highlights of the year were: two plays given by the Playmakers; Concert and Dance by the Chorus; and the bringing of many outstanding speakers to the members.

As a climax to the club year, one hundred members celebrated the completion of club activities with a luncheon at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on May 28.

During the summer of 1940, a committee worked tirelessly and in September, the first Year Book came into being. The Membership committee had also been active and two hundred and twenty members were now enrolled. Two new groups, Psychology and Civics, were added to our program, and, as all groups needed more time, it was decided to meet twice monthly.

The second club year started with an Anniversary Tea on September 10. The most important question before the Club was that of Federating. In December, an application containing 207 names was sent the Membership Chairman of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We are now a unit of that magnificent body and are planning to have a large representation in Atlantic City for the Golden Jubilee Convention.

Outstanding events of the year 1940-41 are: the first annual Flower Mart on April 25; A Fashion Show by students of Costume Design of the Maryland Institute; The Annual Luncheon on May 27 at Hotel Belvedere; and the Night Group Banquet on June 4. Some of our outstanding speakers have been Miss Letitia Stockett, Dr. R. A. Steinmeyer, Miss Elizabeth Phillips, Mrs. Paul Cribbet, Mrs. Hugh Day, and Dr. Alice Rockwell.

UNIVERSITY PARK WOMAN'S CLUB

By MRS. C. J. STAUBER

The University Park Woman's Club, University Park, Maryland, was organized by Mrs. William Parvin Starr, president, Prince George County Federation Women's Clubs, on February 17, 1941. Interested women of University Park met at the home of Mrs. H. D. Eisenhauser on February 13, at which time a temporary chairman and secretary were elected, and a by-laws committee appointed. On February 17, a meeting was called to order in the home of Mrs. S. C. Weller at which time the by-laws were adopted, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. C. J. Stauber,

president; Mrs. G. C. Bowen, vice-president; Mrs. S. C. Weller, secretary; Mrs. Clara H. Lanier, corresponding secretary; Mrs. S. M. Wedeberg, treasurer; Mrs. Geo. C. Cook, director.

The object of this organization is to promote civic betterment, community interest and social welfare. Regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, except July and August, at 2 o'clock p. m., unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board.

QUEEN ANNE COMMUNITY CLUB

By MRS. JOHN W. GIBSON

The Queen Anne Community Club was organized in the fall of 1921, taking the place of a similar organization, The Literary Society, which had functioned since 1912 and been discontinued in 1920. Mrs. Charles H. Rhodes was the first president of the club. Within a short time there were about sixty members enrolled. At present there are thirty-four.

The aims and objectives of the club were stated in the Constitution and By-Laws, as follows: 1. To create an organized center of thought and action for the intellectual, social and moral development of its members, and, 2. To make better and more beautiful the town and Community by, (a) Encouraging needed municipal improvements, and by improving and beautifying both public and private properties. (b) By developing better social and moral conditions in every possible way. (c) By conducting a steady campaign for clean and wholesome conditions, and (d) By supporting in every possible way the local authorities in their efforts to enforce law and order.

The organization has faithfully endeavored to fulfill these objectives; has filled an increasingly important place in the social and cultural life of this town, and has paid, either in part or in full, for many improvements. Our chief work has always been in connection with the schools here, giving whatever aid, financial or otherwise, that is asked of the club members. A complete history of the organization is now being written.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

General Federation of Women's Clubs

The Golden Jubilee Convention held in Atlantic City, May 18-24, 1941, will be recorded in any history of women's organizations as a week not only celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs but as a milestone marking a great transitional period in the woman's club movement. The convention, from first to last, echoed with great accomplishments and forward looking plans and projects of the clubs from forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, and Alaska. Clubs of foreign lands were also represented and in their plea for understanding and friendly aid in the reconstruction period that is sure to follow this world torn war era, aroused our very hearts and minds to the point of saying, "We stand ready and will march as a true comrade by your side."

Club women, clubs, and the State Federation of Maryland have been planning and working hard for three years getting, "their lamps trimmed and burning bright," for this great week. More than six hundred women gathered at the Maryland Federation Headquarters, Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel for this wonderful event. Maryland played a very important role throughout the entire convention.

The Memorial Service on Sunday, May 18, was held in the Central Methodist Church and our President-Director placed two roses in the vase, one in memory of Mrs. Duncan S. Johnson, of Baltimore, who had served as chairman of Legislation of the General Federation under Mrs. John W. Sherman, and one for Mrs. John L. Alcock, who had served as State President under Mrs. John F. Sippel.

Morning sessions were devoted to business, reports, and presentation of awards—clubs of Maryland several times received special recognition. In the afternoon the department chairman told of the many activities and accomplish-



The Treble Clef Choral Club of the Wicomico Woman's Club was organized in October, 1929, by Mrs. Frances Dryden, director, and Mrs. William B. Tilghman, accompanist. In the absence of Mrs. Dryden the group has been under the direction of Mrs. Harry Adkins during the season 1940-41. The picture of Mrs. Dryden is third from the left, center row. To her left are, in the order named, Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Tilghman.

ments under their supervision and presented speakers of note who awakened our interest in the many civic, educational, and cultural avenues open and needing constructive organization work. The evening programs, of an entertaining nature, will long be remembered as the "high lights" of the convention. On Monday evening all "Pioneer Club Women," dressed in costumes of the "Gay Nineties" period, marched in a processional into Convention Hall. Each State group was led by their president and the two State Pioneers. Our own Bettie Manroe Oursler Sippel and Margaret S. Wier were escorted to the stage by two of Maryland's Juniors, Margaret Springer of the Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, and Martha Steinmetz of the Junior Woman's Club of Hurlock. Mrs. Sippel was also the General Federation Chairman of Pioneer Women and, due to this, was the presiding officer for a part of that night's program.

Tuesday night we were carried away on wings of song. The chorus of more than five hundred voices, from Federated Clubs in all sections of the United States. Members from five Choral Clubs of Maryland sang in this Chorus under the direction of Miss Gena Branscombe of New York:

The Woman's Club of Catonsville

The Woman's Club of Govans

The Woman's Club of Roland Park

The Woman's Club of Mt. Washington

The Wicomico Woman's Club

The Pageant, "The Long Path," on Wednesday night portrayed many Maryland women and their works through the seven episodes. In the Processional, viewed by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst and others, walked Maryland's president, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, with Josephine Shankle of the Junior Civic Club of Frederick, carrying the Maryland flag, and the following club women representing the five clubs of Maryland organized more than fifty years ago:

Mrs. Albert Willson, a daughter of one of the founders, representing The Mutual Improvement Association of Sandy Spring, organized in 1857.

The Frederick Female Seminary Alumnae Club, organized in 1871, soon after the Seminary was founded, represented by Mrs. M. R. Etchison.

The Lend-a-Hand Club of Mt. Washington, organized in 1872, represented by the president of the Woman's Club of Mt. Washington, Mrs. Wallace Ford.

The Myrtle Club of Baltimore, organized in 1885, represented by its president, Mrs. Adelaide Derringer.

The Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore, organized in 1890, represented by

Mrs. John F. Sippel with Miss Frances Cobb, president of the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club, and others formed the Golden Guard.

In episode number one, with a bunch of curls hanging over her left shoulder, dressed in a ball gown of gold brocade satin, and looking in very truth the part of the distinguished lady she represented, was Mrs. Harry L. Harcum as "Mistress Margaret Brent."

The seventh episode was the very important and triumphant one for Maryland. This episode, called "The Wanderer," written by Florence Kahn of Baltimore, drama chairman for 1938-1941, was indeed just the message of inspiration and hope for the future that was needed to close this marvelous Pageant. Under the very capable direction of Florence Lloyd Hohman of Baltimore, the episode was one of beauty, grace, pathos, dignity, and victory. The character parts and those portraying them were:

The Voice of Womanhood—Mrs. Hester Beall Provenson,
College Park

The Wanderer—Mrs. Harold R. Scheufler, Baltimore

War—Mrs. F. William Tillinghast, Baltimore

King of Friendship—Mrs. M. A. Pierpont, Baltimore

The Unknown Soldier—Mrs. James W. Hughes, Elkton

Mother of the Unknown Soldier—Mrs. Charles E. McPhail,
Baltimore

Guards—Mrs. John C. Shaw, North Beach
Mrs. William N. Crisp, Brooklyn Park
Mrs. C. E. Schildknecht, Frederick
Mrs. H. A. Skidmore, Sykesville
Mrs. Harry T. Cottman, Jr., Jessup
Mrs. J. R. Spires, Baltimore
Mrs. Robert Mackey, Elkton
Mrs. Alfred T. Truitt, Salisbury
Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Baltimore
Mrs. F. Conrad Stoll, Brooklyn
Mrs. Guy Harden, Baltimore
Mrs. William Parvin Starr, Hyattsville
Mrs. Charles C. Appleman, College Park
Mrs. John K. Ruff, Baltimore
Mrs. John Gardner, Jessup
Mrs. J. W. Bullard, Chevy Chase

Club women from all parts of Maryland formed the groups representing Mothers of the dead soldiers, people of all nations and of all periods. The audience will never forget the spirit of exaltation when the robes of the Wanderer dropped off, and, as Peace, Triumphant over War and all the world, she led the way, followed by all peoples, off the stage and down through the convention hall.

Thursday was Junior night. Our Maryland Juniors were a credit to any State. Frances Cobb as "Miss Maryland," looked like a Queen surrounded by her court of admirers as she rode down the isle in the float. Then came the mid-night party for all Marylanders to celebrate the election of Sara Whitehurst to the presidency of the General Federation. The Marlborough-Blenheim rang with their cheers and songs as they honored their successful candidate. For the second time in the history of the Maryland Federation a Maryland woman heads the great international body of federated club women.

On Friday night Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar presided in all her grace and simplicity. She closed a very eventful three-year administration with a record of all departments of work having been put on a very sound workable basis. Mrs. Whitehurst took up the gavel, realizing she faced an administration that would cover, perhaps, the most serious in the world's history, but also aware of and accepting the challenge that these conditions created.



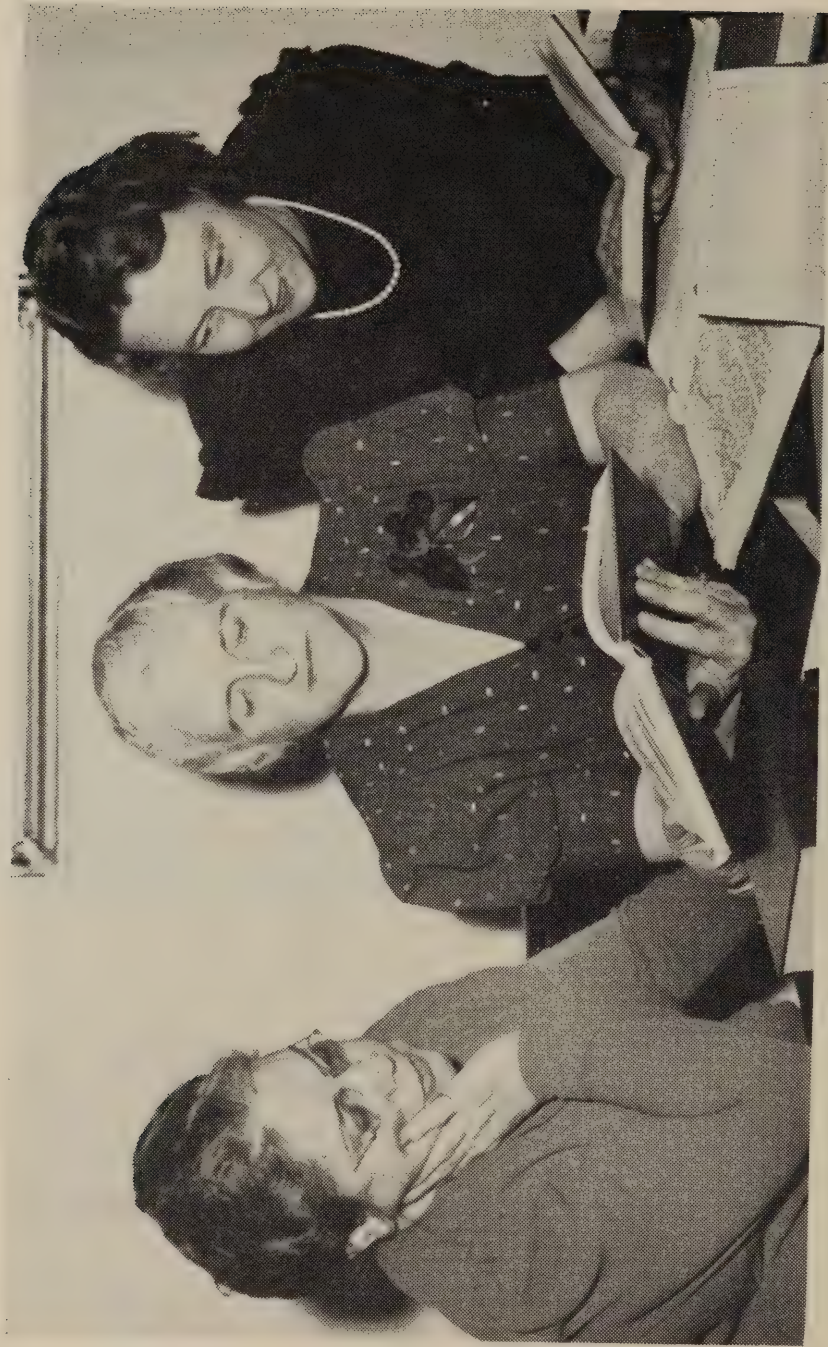
DRAMA GROUP, WOMAN'S CLUB OF GOVANS

This group wrote and produced a play entitled, "Woman's Ways and Means." They dedicated this play to the president of the club, Anna Getzendanner. They will give this play at the State Convention, May 28, 1941.

The Ice Carnival on Saturday night was, "a thing of beauty," and "a joy forever." Club women from all sections of the country went home feeling that the events of the week had not only given them much pleasure but had been full of inspiration which had given them an incentive to strive for greater accomplishments.

The Maryland delegation, happy, though a bit weary, went home facing their own Annual Convention to be held the following week, May 27, 28 and 29. The Golden Jubilee Convention had been a climax, not only for the General Federation Administration, but for the Maryland Federation Administration, 1938-1941. Mrs. Harcum, with a kindly smile, during the three years had guided activities, suggested projects, unraveled difficulties, solved problems, and faced controversial questions with courage. She had urged the searching of files and records, calling attention to the many fine things that had been done in this half century. Feeling that these accomplishments and the methods used would make thrilling reading and would show the remarkable influence that concerted action of right-thinking women have had in the development of civic, legislative, educational, and cultural projects in their community, state, and nation, she inspired and has worked untiringly for the publication of the History of the Maryland Federation. The accomplishment of this endeavor will mark the latest tangible evidence of her three years of service for the groups of federated club women who honored her by electing her to the highest office in Maryland Clubdom, that of President-Director of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. Through wholehearted cooperation with other state organizations and agencies, she has fostered a real spirit of comradeship. Following the slogan she wrote for her administration, "Seek Understanding Through Cooperation," she has helped to bring about a unity of purpose and action among the many groups working in the state. The thought expressed in the words from an unknown writer, used by Mrs. Harcum, the day she was installed as president of this Federation, April 13, 1938, have seemed, throughout the three years, to be the guiding spirit in her life:

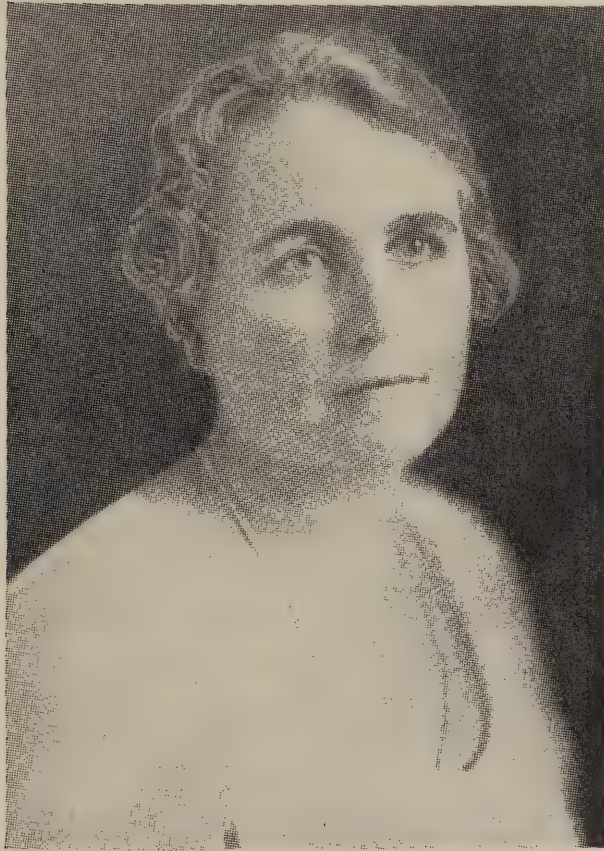
"There are some who work with brick and stone and
some who guide a pen,
But the greater art is to play a part in the
throbbing lives of men."



COMPILING THE HISTORY OF THE MARYLAND FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Three of the Committee hard at work on the history of the M. F. W. C.,—this very book. From left to right: Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Mrs. Harry L. Hareum and Mrs. L. Warrington Carr.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS

1928 - 1941



MRS. EARLE W. CHAFEE

*Vice-President, M. F. W. C., and
First Chairman of Junior Membership*

1928-1930

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN

MRS. EARL W. CHAFEE, 1928-1930

MRS. G. E. PURNELL TRUITT, 1930-1932

MRS. J. HOWARD HOPKINS, 1932-1935

MRS. IRA J. POOL, 1935-1938

MRS. NORMAN HANSEN BALL, 1938-1939

MRS. DAVID H. TAYLOR, 1939-1941

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP IN MARYLAND—1928-1930

“Continued growth and increased usefulness of the General Federation are largely dependent upon three vital activities in our Federation program. They are Junior Membership, Club Institutes, and Rural Clubs, and they constitute my greatest interest in Club work. The future of the Woman’s Club marches forward on the feet of its junior members; club leadership offers the greatest adventure in life,” . . .

These statements were made by Mrs. John F. Sippel in October, 1927 after she had been presented in the spring by Maryland as a candidate for the presidency of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. Just two years before this, October 1925, the first Junior section in Maryland was organized with twenty-five members by the Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase; it was called LAMBDA SIGMA PHI.* From the beginning their meetings were conducted in strict accord with parliamentary rules.

On May 2, 1928, Mrs. Earl W. Chafee was elected vice-president of the Maryland Federation. One of the duties assigned Mrs. Chafee was the supervision of Junior Membership and the stimulation of interest among senior clubs in the organization of junior clubs. Mrs. Chafee wrote the following article which was published in *The Maryland Club Woman* of February, 1929:

What Junior Membership Means

To give a girl a vision—a vision of the fuller life that comes to women who render worth while service—is the ultimate aim of Junior Membership. Too many women fritter away their time in a mad attempt to entertain themselves, without realizing that the only true way to happiness and contentment is through service for others.

* This club disbanded after a few years and later the Junior Club of Chevy Chase was organized.

There is a throng of sparkling-eyed, intelligent, happy girls willing and eager to *do something*! Can we, without prejudice and condescension, give them the vision that we see, and help them to express themselves and their ideals in service?

We not only want to help the girls, but we need their help. Our girls hold the future of club life in their power, and to perpetuate our work and traditions, we must have their enthusiasm, energy, courage, and fresh outlook. All these they can give in abundance; and these, combined with their greediness for uncamouflaged truth, will lend a great impetus to the work of women's clubs. We will offer them our experience, mature judgment and organization. Then these young girls and we, the older girls, will know the value and pleasure of working and playing together. What a splendid sight it is to see a mother and her daughter working together on some community or welfare project! Isn't Junior Membership one solution of the problem of the misunderstanding existing between so many mothers and daughters?

There are two kinds of junior clubs—those which are entirely independent, and those which operate as sections of a senior club. When there is no club with which the juniors can affiliate, they can organize independently and federate with the State and General Federations. If possible, however, it is good to have the Juniors affiliated with the senior club. They function as a separate club—adopt their own constitution and by-laws, elect their own officers, and plan their own activities and social affairs—but the senior group acts as their sponsor. A leader, who meets with them and acts as their adviser, represents them on the Executive Board of the senior club; or they may send a representative from their own group. In either case, all advice is offered in the spirit of cooperation, and not of management or criticism.

The age of juniors ranges from fourteen to twenty-eight, but they should not be younger than high school age, nor old enough to be members of the senior club.

The dues range from five cents a month to three dollars and fifty cents a year. Some pay part of that amount to the senior club and some do not.

The activities depend entirely on the inclination of the group, and may be literary, musical or dramatic; or they may follow any one or all of the departments of work. The junior club may be a sewing club, and the garments made for welfare work. Older juniors, who are in business and so are unable to meet during the day, have successful evening meetings. There are many ways in which the seniors and juniors can cooperate for mutual advantage.

Junior Membership was first recognized in the General Federation during the administration of Mrs. Winter, when Miss Florence Dibert of Pennsylvania was appointed chairman. One of the most interesting and inspiring features of the Biennial program in San Antonio was that contributed by the Juniors. Many States have a large Junior membership. Delaware has twelve Junior sections and Pennsylvania, which had a State chairman as far back as 1918, has grown so much that it held two Junior institutes last spring.

The Chevy Chase Woman's Club has the honor of having organized the first Junior department of a senior club in Maryland. This section was organized a little over three years ago, and is a splendid example of a junior club, functioning as a section of a senior club. The leader, or chairman, meets with the girls, acts as adviser and represents them on the executive board. The various senior chairmen stand ready to help the corresponding Junior chairmen, and a real spirit of friendliness and cooperation prevails.

Your chairman hopes that this Junior Club will serve as a model for many more in Maryland.

The Maryland Club Woman for February 1930 prints the following report by Mrs. Chafee:

"No man reaches the point where he can cease to grow and develop, however great the success he may have achieved, for whatever he may accomplish is only the greater opportunity and occasion for spreading its benefits to his fellow beings."
Dr. Jason N. Pierce

As a club woman, what success have you achieved? What have you done about the future? Will your work be carried on from where you leave off or must it be started all over again because you have not trained some one to take your place?

Are you aware of the power of the coming generation? Mrs. Herbert Hoover shows her understanding and appreciation of the girls when in a letter to your chairman she said, "It has interested me greatly, this project for enlisting the sympathy and support of the members of the Federated Women's Clubs in the worthwhile activities of the girls. Their enthusiasm, energy and vague reaching toward ideals whose vision they cannot yet fully grasp, is so full of promise; their longing for congenial companionship and a field in which they can exercise fully their own abilities, has such potential possibilities; their desire for the friendship, without imperative directions, of their elders, is so evident; . . . I only regret that the demands upon my time are such that I may not offer to participate in your work."

We have a wealth of energy, initiative, efficiency, and enthusiasm in our club daughters. Let us appreciate and utilize these resources.

You should know what our junior clubs are doing.

In District 2, The Wicomico Woman's Club organized a Junior Club in October 1929 which has about thirty members. On Thanksgiving Day the juniors filled thirty small baskets of fruit and carried them to the patients at the Sanitorium.

At Christmas, they made and filled sixty-three boxes with home-made candy for the old ladies of the John B. Parsons' Home (they also have groups which visit and chat with them regularly). They cared for a family of seven at Christmas, four or five juniors being assigned to each member of the family. The seniors turned over to them the money they usually spend for welfare work at this time of the year and this they used to fill sixty-three stockings for the needy. They also bought candies and toys and trimmed a Christmas tree for the Children's Home.

JUNIOR CLUBS—1930-1932

The report that follows was submitted by Mrs. G. E. Purnell Truitt.

Due to Universal Membership which has been adopted, we may lose a few clubs, but we will surely grow, after we have passed the reconstruction period.

You can not force junior membership on a senior club, but seniors need Junior departments. Therefore, aid the juniors to take the seniors' place. Now is the time to encourage their training. We need each other, and the congeniality is beautiful, as the relationship between mother and daughter.

The Juniors were invited to participate on the program at the Conference on the "Cause and Cure of War." Greetings were sent by the Governors, and juniors from many Eastern colleges brought messages. Your chairman was asked to talk three minutes over WCAO; she was assisted by a junior club president.

The Junior Department of the Woman's Club of Mt. Washington, organized in 1930, has for its first president Miss Mary Roland Carter.

Activities throughout the State include: card parties, fashion shows for finance, contributing for Porto Rican Treasure Chest, assisting destitute families, helping at baby clinics, plays for Scholarship Loan Fund, Glee Clubs and book reviews. One club at Christmas, having had a tree, candy, etc., donated, decided to plant an evergreen to commemorate the Washington Bicentennial; it is to be used to bring yearly cheer to the community. In closing, may I quote the phrase:

"For the Juniors, the sky is the limit."

JUNIOR CLUBS—1932-1935

Mrs. John Howard Hopkins, chairman at that time wrote this report for that period.

Our girls are the potential club women of the future. In all fairness we should give them some sort of preparation for the work we expect them to do. Girls need to learn to work with other women in groups or committee consultation and in executing plans. More and more women are represented in the boards and committees of public and semi-public organizations such as hospitals, social work agencies, libraries, and schools. In addition, there are women's organizations such as the Y. W. C. A., Women's Auxiliaries of men's clubs and societies, the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters, church societies, and many others which wield considerable influence in community and national affairs. Such groups must act as units to be effective.

During the "in between" stage when a girl is too old for camp fire and scouting and too young for senior club work, the junior club gives an opportunity for a girl to learn to

be a useful club woman. Of all the organizations of various sorts to which the average girl may belong the Junior Woman's Club has the most widely diversified activities, a fact which plays a large part in its popularity. The federated club provides such a wide field of activity as to serve as an outlet for any sort of interest.

"Believing juniors to be the best life insurance policy our clubs can have" our new Junior department would like to urge each senior club to organize a junior club.

First of all it would be a good plan to appoint a temporary chairman to make a survey of the senior club membership along these lines:

1. How many members have daughters or girls in whom they are interested who might form clubs?

2. How is the time of these girls occupied outside of school?

3. Is there a Girl Scout or Camp Fire organization in the Community? Is it a success? If not, why not? If an organization is already started, help it by backing it to the limit.

4. Start with a small group of young girls and grow slowly. A large group is hard to handle until it learns self-government.

Each junior group should have its own by-laws, its own time and place of meeting, a definite program of work, a definite program of play. Each junior group should be supervised by a sponsor chosen from a senior federated club. Upon the chosen sponsor devolves the responsibility of:

1. Sustaining interest among the juniors in their club.

2. Creating contacts between the junior and senior group.

3. Giving assistance and advice in the arrangement of the junior club programs.

4. Training the juniors in parliamentary law.

5. Securing speakers and artists for the junior group meetings.

It should be the further duty of the sponsors not only to direct and inspire the present efforts of junior groups, but

to instill into them from the date of their organization a desire to hold membership later in the senior clubs that sponsored them. There should never be any conception among junior club members other than that they are to shoulder their share of responsibility and perpetuate the present organization of Women's Clubs. The sponsor or adviser should serve as a member of both junior and senior executive boards.

It will be the aim of the department to send out from time to time suggestive programs for use of junior clubs or by sponsors of junior clubs.

Reports show that Maryland has in April 1935, twelve junior clubs, with a membership of about 338.

In the first district there are three clubs. The HANDICRAFT CLUB OF HAMPSTEAD is a group of fourteen high school girls who embroider, crochet, paint and present plays. The JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER has sixteen members with an age limit of eighteen to thirty years. These young women study art, music, and the drama. At each meeting a new book is reviewed. They work for the Children's Aid Society and for the Westminster Library. During the past year the OAKLAND DRAMATIC CLUB has presented six plays. At the Christmas season the club mended toys and distributed them to poor children.

The Eastern Shore has two junior clubs. THE JUNIOR WICOMICO WOMAN'S CLUB has thirty-six members who do welfare work, have bridge parties to raise funds, give book reviews and musical entertainments, and produce plays. This club has inaugurated a story telling hour at the Public Library. Two Saturdays a month the children throng to the building to hear club members relate fairy tales or stories of valorous deeds. The club is also raising money to furnish the children's room at the library. THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR CLUB has twenty members under twenty years of age who help with health clinics, distribute books from the Free Library twice a week, and hold card parties to procure funds to do Public Welfare Work.

The Third District has three junior clubs. THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF MT. WASHINGTON has thirty-nine members with an age limit of sixteen to twenty-eight.

The dues are one dollar per capita. They meet twice a month. A fund has been established for future club rooms. The club is giving assistance to the Happy Hills Home for convalescent children and it held a Christmas party for these children during the holidays. A community Christmas Carol program was conducted by the club and baskets were distributed to the poor. They are enthusiastic about the student aid program and wish to start a name scholarship to be known as the Mt. Washington Junior Scholarship. In May, 1935 at the Triennial of the G. F. W. C. held in Detroit, this junior club received honorary mention for its philanthropic work. THE ROLAND PARK JUNIOR ORGANIZATION has grown to such an extent that it has quite a waiting list. Though eligible to the lectures and entertainments of the senior club, the juniors have planned their own programs and by a series of card parties have made money for their charities and various enterprises. THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF GLYNDON was organized in February, 1934. The twenty-one charter members were daughters of the senior club women. Now there are fifty-two members. The age limit is from fourteen to twenty-one years. The club has held six dances, given a play, held a bridge party, had two picnic suppers, given a progressive farewell supper for those returning to college, assisted the senior club as ushers at a movie benefit, and sewed for the Reisterstown Health Center.

The Sixth District has three junior clubs. THE JUNIOR SHAKESPEARE CLUB OF LAUREL, THE DRAMATIC CLUB OF BERWYN under the leadership of Mrs. Samuel H. Moyer, and THE CHEVERLY JUNIOR CLUB. The two former clubs have exchanged visits and been entertained by our state president, Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen.

According to Mrs. Edward M. Loud, chairman of the department of Juniors for the General Federation of Women's Clubs: "The past year will go down in the history of our country as the year of the great depression, but in the annals of Federation history it will be recorded as the period of the greatest growth and expansion in Junior activity. Junior organization has known no depression. Perhaps this activity and development is the response of

youth to the challenging task that is before the young people today, a recognition that in the reconstruction of the social, economic and educational life of the nation, individual effort must be merged into organized effort if it is to be effective. Young people are not unaware of the fact that the future of the country will be largely what they decree it to be.”

JUNIOR CLUBS—1935-1938

Mrs. Ira J. Pool, Junior Membership chairman for this period, submitted the report that follows.

The period June, 1935-April, 1938 was a period of transition for our Maryland juniors. In May, 1935 at the Triennial in Detroit the General Federation of Women's Clubs adopted the first four by-laws for the juniors making them a recognized part of the whole. Maryland, necessarily, had to wait until the following April (1936) to adopt by-laws governing juniors. Heretofore our juniors had not paid per capita dues, some did not have necessary number of members for a club or department according to our by-laws, some did not conform to the age limit, some did not have a contact chairman, hence it meant the entire reorganization of our junior groups.

During these three years the following new junior clubs were organized and federated:

Eastern Shore District—

Centreville Junior Woman's Club—19 members—organized 1937—Mrs. Nicholas G. Nides, president.

Baltimore District—

Junior Woman's Club of Catonsville—17 members—organized 1937—Miss Mary Katherine Nolan, president.

Junior Woman's Club of Forest Park—35 members—organized 1938—Mrs. Fox Cardwell, president.

Class B.—Baltimore Section National Council of Jewish Juniors—140 members—organized 1937—Mrs. Henry Winter, president.

Fourth District—

Junior Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County—15 members—organized 1937—Miss Lillian Vanouse, president.

Fifth District—

Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase—72 members—organized 1937—Miss Eleanor Finch, president.

Sixth District—

Junior Woman's Club of Mt. Rainier—16 members—organized 1938—Miss Berneice Speckman, president.

Junior Woman's Club of Riverdale—15 members—organized 1938—Mrs. W. Waverly Webb, president.

Two Junior Clubs and three Junior Departments organized prior to June 1935 also became federated:

Eastern Shore District—

St. Michaels Junior Woman's Club (First junior club to be federated)—Miss Elizabeth Wrightson, president.

Junior Wicomico Woman's Club (First junior club organized in Maryland) Federated 1937—29 members—Elizabeth Myers, president.

Baltimore District—

Junior Department Woman's Club of Glyndon—Federated 1937—16 members—Miss Dorothy Shoemaker, president.

Junior Department Woman's Club of Mt. Washington—Federated 1937—15 members—Miss Virginia Strickler, president.

Junior Department Woman's Club of Roland Park—Federated 1937—60 members—Miss M. Margaret Rawlings, president.

March 31, 1938 there was a total of 9 federated clubs (junior), 185 federated members; A total of 3 federated departments, 167 federated members. Total 12 groups, 352 federated members.

One Class B Junior Department, 140 members.

The first conference of Maryland Juniors was held in Baltimore April 14, 1936. Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, State President and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, chairman of Education, G. F. W. C. addressed the conference. The first Round Table Discussion of junior clubwomen, presidents of Senior Clubs, Contact chairmen and District Junior chairmen was held April 15, 1936.

The second conference was held April 1937, and following the third conference, April 11, 1938, Maryland Junior

Night was held in connection with the State Convention. Junior presidents were guests of honor of the seniors at dinner and the entire evening's program was given by juniors.

The juniors were interested in philanthropic work; they purchased talking books for the blind; gave aid to orphanages; furnished children's room in a library; gave aid to hospitals; had a Toy-Lending library; contributed to the Student Loan Fund; their programs followed the departmental work of the State and General Federation.

JUNIOR CLUBS—1938-1941

With the report prepared by Mrs. David H. Taylor, the history of Junior Clubs is brought up to date.

Since 1938, five junior clubs have joined the Maryland Federation; one resigned, leaving a total of sixteen. These clubs have done outstanding work. Thru the Federation Junior Department, round table discussions have been instituted whereby each junior president can and does report on the work of her club; it is here that many "whys" and "hows" are discussed and conclusions reached. The Travel Fund has had its beginning this year, and the foundation was laid for a traveling library of junior club yearly programs. But the outstanding events to which the juniors look forward are the yearly banquet and the Junior Week End in Ocean City during the last of June. One of the finest things developed there was the Friendship or Reciprocity meetings. Here it was, that the members of each club became better acquainted with other junior members.

A rather complete record of the doings of each and every junior club and the Junior department can be found on the Junior Page of *The Maryland Club Woman*. A thousand words every two months sounds like only a few, but it is amazing how much territory can be covered and how much recorded in that amount of space. Each junior club president has at some time or other sent news as to the club's projects. Looking back over past editions there can be found interesting items such as:

"Some of our junior clubs are growing up. The Junior Club of Centreville celebrated its second birthday in January. Mrs. Nelson Potter



JUNIORS OF MARYLAND
at Ocean City, June 24-25, 1939



MISS FRANCES COBB

President of the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club

Miss Cobb won the honor of representing Maryland in the Junior Float Parade in Atlantic City on May 22, 1941.

writes that this is the second year of their "Pre-school" project with fifteen children in attendance."

"Mrs. Pickett of the Junior Civic Club of Frederick reports of the very interesting and unique project sponsored by this new club of 'The New Family.'"

"Most conventions are just conventions! But not so the one on the 24th and 25th of June. From the play suits, bathing suits and hair-do's thru the beach meeting and banquet, every girl was snappy and on her toes. Billy Jensen, president of the Mt. Washington Juniors and Vera Morris of the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club, were co-chairmen and did a grand job."

"The Junior Club of Chevy Chase heard a talk by Mr. Edward F. Hopper on "The Production of Animated Cartoons," says Helen Harper, Publicity chairman, "A what-not show, sponsored by the Forest Park Juniors was a unique innovation in their winter program. Both Margaret Willis, past president and Margaret Rodgers, president, deserve a great deal of credit for leading this splendid group of girls."

"Miss Frances Farmer, president of the St. Michaels Juniors, reports a rummage which netted \$32.50."

"Annette Webster Levy, president of the Roland Park Juniors and Mrs. Thomas Fleming of the St. Michaels Juniors, were appointed co-chairmen of the Junior Banquet. Do you remember Miss Letitia Stockett and the Fashion Show which she named midriff fashions?"

"The purchase and installation of an X-Ray machine not to mention the \$219.00 raised by the Catonsville Juniors is a feather in Katherine Hess' cap."

"The Junior Woman's Club of Mt. Washington sponsored a 'Junior Club Rally' when, for the first time, all other junior club members of Maryland were invited."

"Addie Travers, president of Junior Club of Greensboro, writes that we are almost too busy to write news: Imagine! Such intense industry accounts for the fine reports."

"The Junior Woman's Club of Mt. Rainer has completely outfitted two children with new clothing."

"The new club of Hurlock Juniors has donated linens for the ambulance of the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company. Mrs. John J. Breuil sends in her news releases so promptly. Thank you, Mrs. Breuil."

"Margaret Hearn, president of the Annapolis Juniors, says they are busy helping in every undertaking of the senior club and the town. That's a rather ambitious undertaking."

MARYLAND JUNIORS AT JUBILEE CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

Mrs. Donald Darrah of the Junior Woman's Club of Forest Park carried the State Flag on Pioneer Night, May 19, 1941. This procession was truly an inspiration to all juniors.

Miss Josephine Shankle of the Junior Civic Club of Frederick carried the State flag and walked with the State President-Director, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum on Wednesday evening in the Pageant procession.

The State Chairman of Juniors, Mrs. David H. Taylor, walking with the State President-Director, headed the dele-

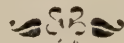
gation of Juniors in the Junior parade on Junior Night, May 22, 1941.

Maryland can continue to be proud of its junior club women. They worked hard, played hard, and won from all respect and admiration.

On March 30, in Annapolis, Miss Frances Cobb of the Wicomico Junior Club was chosen from seven entrants to be the Junior representing Maryland on the float in Atlantic City on Junior Night, May 22, 1941. The choosing was difficult, but to the other entrants go honors as great honors to be remembered. Miss Eleanor Rice of the Catonsville Junior Woman's Club and Mrs. Thomas Fleming of the St. Michaels Junior Woman's Club won second and third places respectively. The Annapolis Juniors were hostesses to Tea.

The Maryland Juniors have worked hard to cooperate with the Jubilee Committee and in the Rolling Chair Parade. Miss Cobb was as lovely as any Junior could hope to be. Miss Rice and Mrs. Fleming, Miss Cobb's official "pushers" of the Rolling Chair did a splendid job, (Did not bump into anything and pushed in a straight line). Miss Margaret Springer of the Junior Woman's Club of Chevy Chase escorted Mrs. John F. Sippel, and Miss Martha Steinmetz of the Junior Woman's Club of Hurlock escorted Miss Margaret Weir to the stage on Pioneer Night. Mrs. Sippel and Miss Weir, as you know, are our *State Pioneers*.

A history of so many active clubs must of necessity be long since the highlights are many. However, if accomplishment makes history then the above is history in the making.





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MRS. J. REED BRADLEY, October 1937-June 1938
MISS IMOGENE CARUTHERS, July 1938-June 1939
MRS. GLENN E. COWLES, July 1939-July 1941

BUSINESS MANAGERS

MRS. LEON ENGEL, May 1927-June 1928
MRS. JOHN L. WHITEHURST, October 1928-June 1930
MRS. ALFRED G. GOODRICH, October 1930-June 1933
MRS. ROBERT FRANK SKUTCH, October 1933-June 1938
MRS. FRANKLYN G. LUNDGREN, October 1938-July 1941

SUBSCRIPTION MANAGERS

MRS. JOHN L. WHITEHURST, May 1927-June 1930
MRS. GEORGE H. WARD, October 1930-June 1931
MRS. SPENCER W. SEERY, October 1931-December 1934
MRS. THOMAS J. TINGLEY, February 1935-June 1936
MRS. WALTER B. CALLOWAY, October 1936-June 1938
MRS. CLARENCE H. KLINGEL, July 1938-June 1939
MRS. FRANKLYN G. LUNDGREN, July 1939-July 1941

“BLAZING THE TRAIL”

With the permission of Mrs. Isaac T. Parks, Jr. extracts from her letter of April 23, 1941 to Mrs. Harry L. Harcum are here printed for the reason that they reveal the beginnings of THE MARYLAND CLUB WOMAN in a delightful and intimate manner.

. . . Mrs. Wallace Ford thought you might like to know something of the beginnings of the magazine. Mrs. Henry S. Frank, chairman of Press and Publicity, was to make all arrangements for its publication and the financing of same. Without the endorsement of the Retailers' Association nothing could be done and, since the understanding was not underwritten, something tangent had to be shown to that organization. Nothing had been accomplished when it was almost time for the annual meeting. Mrs. Frank herself secured sixty dollars (\$60.00) from the Amoco people and with it financed a double small sheet, which perhaps you remember, and which was ready for the annual convention. From then on things were easy, for because of that unassuming publication we obtained the endorsement of the Retailers' Association. The next step was to find someone to solicit ads. That was done, the selectee receiving a commission for the same. From the start the magazine more than paid for itself and at the end of the year there was a worth while sum in the bank as a result of ads.

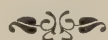
Mrs. John L. Alcock asked me to be editor of a Federation publication she hoped to succeed in publishing during her administration. Previously I had known Mrs. Alcock for many years and had been on the board of the Woman's Club of Roland Park during her presidency there and on the program committee of the same club for five years.

The first meeting to put out such a publication was held at the Y. W. C. A. with Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, Mrs. Edmondson, Mrs. J. G. Price, Jr., I think Mrs. Frank and myself present. Never did it rain harder, and Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Allen deserved a world of credit for coming so far. From the first they gave full support to the venture. In my opinion great recognition is due Mrs. Frank for her efforts and determination to achieve the venture she had been asked to undertake were endless and undaunted.

Through Mrs. Frank, Miss Margaret Spragins (now Mrs.

Clewell Howell) and Miss Ruth Ring helped me with the editorial work. They were invaluable even though they could only come at night and a few nights each month at that. Miss Ring is the most unselfish person I have ever known, never desiring any public acknowledgement of her work in that connection. The name and the format of the magazine soon followed the appearance of the first unassuming issue. Before long we had the orange cover and were classed by the National League of American Pen Women as a professional publication, Mr. Ferguson of the Monumental Printing Co. saying the same thing.

. . . I do not remember just when Mrs. Whitehurst became affiliated with the group, but I believe early in the second year, perhaps the end of the first. It was through her we went to the Monumental Printing Co., and I believe that was the first of the second year of the publication . . .



A TRIBUTE *

It seems fitting to say a word in recognition of the untiring efforts of Mrs. Henry S. Frank, through whom the magazine came into being. As Press and Publicity Chairman, nineteen hundred and twenty-six—nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, Mrs. Frank was asked to secure a magazine for the Maryland Federation.

Facing discouragement after discouragement, always optimistic herself, Mrs. Frank found the time approaching for the nineteen hundred and twenty-seven Annual Meeting with nothing tangible to show that work along this line had been done, and with no prospects for a magazine in the near future.

She determined that at the Annual Meeting there should be evidence of progress, and that club women should know something of what a medium for the exchange of club news would mean to them.

*"A Tribute," by Mrs. Isaac T. Parks, Jr. was first published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, October, 1928.

With that end in view, and with faith in the project, she personally succeeded in securing the advertisement that made possible the sample sheet distributed at the Annual Meeting of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven—thus “blazing the trail” for THE MARYLAND CLUB WOMAN.



MRS. HENRY S. FRANK

*Chairman of Press and Publicity of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, 1926-1928*

THE MARYLAND CLUB WOMAN, 1927-1938

By MRS. FRANK M. HOADLEY

“*The Maryland Club Woman* is the official organ of the Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs—the voice of all the Club Women in the State” wrote Mrs. Isaac T. Parks, the first editor, in her opening editorial, *A Dream Realized*. “Such a publication is vitally necessary for the unity and efficiency of club work. It is a medium for stimulating the interest and inspiring the efforts of club women. It is a text book of club work for its readers.”

The first number of the magazine was a four-page paper which was distributed at the Annual Meeting of the Maryland Federation, in May, 1927. Each one of the succeeding editors has endeavored to carry out the purpose of the magazine as given in that first number.

Each president, since Mrs. John L. Alcock, who first visioned that State magazine, has used its columns to communicate with the clubs and club members of the State Federation. In that first number the President of the General Federation, Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, sent a message to Maryland club women. Mrs. Sherman’s successors have likewise sent messages through its columns. Departmental chairmen have sent out programs, and clubs have learned of the progress of sister clubs in other parts of the State. In the Year Book numbers, club women have gained inspiration from the annual reports of officers and chairmen. Newly appointed chairmen have turned to its pages for information as to procedure.

To few state magazines has come the privilege which has been Maryland’s—that of presenting two women for national office. In the second issue of the magazine, Maryland presents Mrs. John F. Sippel, of Baltimore, for the office of president of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, for the election to be held in San Antonio, Texas, May 29 to June 6, 1928. It is recorded that Mrs. Albert Sioussat, Honorary President of the M. F. W. C., said, “This is the time for all Maryland women to bring to Maryland the honor of having a Maryland woman as president of the G. F. W. C.” Each succeeding number carried stories of Mrs. Sippel, climaxing in October, 1928, with a greeting

from her as the newly elected president and of the meeting at San Antonio, illustrated with pictures of the Maryland delegation.

Ten years later, October, 1937, *The Maryland Club Woman* presented Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, also of Baltimore, for the office of first vice-president of the G. F. W. C. The President-Director, Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, wrote: "An authority on parliamentary law, gifted with unusual executive ability and business acumen, an unfailing sense of justice and a genuine and unselfish desire to serve, Mrs. Whitehurst is ideally fitted for the high office which Maryland covets for her—that of First Vice-President of the General Federation." And in 1940, it fell to Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, President-Director, to present Mrs. Whitehurst for the office of president of the General Federation. In *The Maryland Club Woman* for June-July, 1940, Mrs. Harcum said:

"Eight years ago the General Federation recognized Mrs. Whitehurst's great value when she was chosen to serve under Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole Reynolds as vice-chairman of the department of Legislation. Three years later Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson decided to make the department of Education the keynote of her administration and the woman she appointed to build programs and plans around the theme "Education for Living" was Sara A. Whitehurst.

Club work has not been her only interest and activity. She holds positions of importance in civic organizations and on State and National Boards. Through appointments by the Governor of Maryland she is the first and only woman member of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland and the only woman member of the State Board of Agriculture. The President of the United States appointed her on the State Recovery Board, again an only woman member. . . .

Mrs. Whitehurst's unusual ability and resourcefulness have won recognition of state and national leaders. She is a woman of high ideals and wide vision. She possesses magnetic personality, and sterling character. Her success as an organizer and program builder fits her in a peculiar way to assist in bringing the policies and activities of the General Federation to a successful fruition." . . .

Distinguished women have been contributing editors of *The Maryland Club Woman*. Mrs. Henry M. Roberts, Jr., more recently President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, while a member of the Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, contributed, from October, 1930 to June, 1934, a page of parliamentary law. Mrs. Whitehurst continued the page in the magazine from October 1934, through 1940, until her increased duties as Vice-President of the G. F. W. C. prevented her continuing.

Through several administrations, Helen Bayley Davis of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, and now Maryland Federation's Poet Laureate, served as poetry editor. The first of Mrs. Davis's contributions appeared in November, 1927. As book page editors, the magazine first had Mrs. Francis A. Davis of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, who was succeeded by Mrs. William Allen Wilbur, of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, Md. Mrs. Wilbur served from October, 1930 through April, 1935. Since then, Mrs. Howard D. Dozier of the Woman's Club of Woodside has edited a book page.

Mention has been made especially of these contributing editors because they served through many years. Others who have had places on the staff were: Mrs. Frank Gould and Mildred L. Murdoch of the Women's Civic League as editors of the garden page. Mrs. Harry R. Ruse also of the Roland Park Club edited a page "Among Ourselves" in 1929, and then for several years, she was the very competent editor of a recipe page. Following Mrs. Ruse, Mrs. T. Alan Goldsborough, of the Denton Community Club, Inc., edited the recipe page.

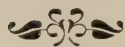
Many pages would be required if we listed the names of famous persons who have contributed articles to the magazine. For the most part, these articles have dealt with Maryland and Maryland interests and they have been allocated to the departments of work covered by the program of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

From the very beginning, through June 1938, the magazine editors specialized in cover pictures of places in Maryland. Photographs were sought from each of the six districts. Beginning with the George Washington Bicenten-

nial number of the magazine in February, 1932, club women throughout the State were asked to search for bits of Maryland history. Each of the six district pages usually carried something of historical interest in the various communities. The magazine in this way became valuable historically.

From the several annual reports of editors and subscription managers, one learns that the magazine has gone to every state in the union and to many of the foreign countries. The Pan American Union as well as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace have sent copies to foreign lands. A file is in the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore and the Congressional Library in Washington asked to be furnished with bound copies.

From the beginning, advertising has played an important part in the life of the magazine. In the early days subscription contests supplied funds. While Mrs. John L. Whitehurst was business manager, \$2,500 was raised in this way. During Mrs. Whitehurst's administration as president, a plan was conceived, by which the magazine was to be sent to every member of every one of the Class A Clubs subscribing to Universal Membership—meaning membership in District, State and General Federations. The excellence of the magazine undoubtedly played a large part in influencing clubs to adopt universal membership.



WITH THE MARYLAND CLUB WOMAN, 1938-1941

During the last administration to be included in this history, the staff of *The Maryland Club Woman*, under the editorship of Dr. Anne H. Matthews, has endeavored to further the fine policies and standards established and maintained by the preceding editors. Some of the statements of the first editor may again be aptly quoted here: "The voice of all the club women in the State. . . . for unity and efficiency of club work. . . . a medium for stimulating the interest and inspiring the efforts of club women." *

Growth and progress, in keeping with The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, have always characterized the policies for the official publication of the Federation. Acting on the advice and counsel of State club leaders and the members of the new staff, the editor suggested that a change be made in the format of the magazine. For valuable suggestions, credit is especially due Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, former business manager and editor of the publication, Mr. John G. Ferguson, president of the Monumental Printing Company, Mr. Alfred C. Rice, Junior, advertising expert, and to Mrs. Florence Lloyd Hohman, artist.

The plans were submitted, discussed with members of the State Board of the Federation and with the Board of Trustees of the magazine. They were carefully revised in accordance with suggestions. The Board of Trustees, then, at its meeting held at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore in May 1938, approved the proposed changes as revised.

When the October issue of 1938 appeared, a lovely new blue cover first attracted attention. The cover design featured the seal of the Federation and a picture, six by seven and one-half inches in size. The picture on this number, The Hobby House, the first chapter house of The Maryland Branch of the American Artists Professional League, introduced a series of pictures selected for the covers for a

* From an editorial, *A Dream Realized*, by Mrs. Isaac T. Parks in Volume I, Number 1 of *The Maryland Club Woman*.

period of two years. This series featured the work of several of Maryland's outstanding artists.

Members of the staff of publication are indebted to Mrs. Florence Lloyd Hohman, president of the Maryland Branch of The American Artists Professional League, for aid in securing these artistic cover designs. In addition to the picture of The Hobby House, those used on the covers of Volume XII were: "Vista" and "Poachers Paradise" by Dr. Harry Clifton of Baltimore; "St. Paul and Pleasant Streets," an etching by Dano Jackley of Baltimore; and "News," a competitive design submitted by sculptor Louis Rosenthal for the Associated Press building at Radio City, New York. Pictures reproduced on the covers of Volume XIII, 1938-40, were: "Interior with Figure," by Burtis Baker; "The Markell Stained Glass Window" by R. McGill Mackall;* "From China," an oil painting by Dorothy Ellen Mitchell of Salisbury; a photograph of Mrs. John T. Graham, a pioneer club woman;** and "Silver Beeches," an etching by Don Swann.

Featured on the covers of Volume XIV, 1940-41, was a series designed as "Prominent Women of Maryland." The pictures used were those of Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, first vice-president G. F. W. C., Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr., president-general, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. John F. Sippel, honorary president, G. F. W. C., and Mrs. Florence Lloyd Hohman, artist.

Another innovation was that of devoting each issue to one or more of the departments of work. During each of the three years included in this story, the various issues featured departments as follows: The October-November, Art and Education; December-January, Public Welfare and Legislation; February-March, American Home and American Citizenship; April-May, International Relations and Junior Membership; and June-July, the Annual Reports. This last issued followed the custom of preceding years.

* Mr. R. McGill Mackall designed and executed this window for All Saints Episcopal Church in Frederick, Maryland.

** Mrs. John T. Graham was first president of the Lend-A-Hand Club of Mount Washington, the first club organized in Maryland. Her picture was used on the Golden Jubilee Number, June 1940.

Each issue, too, in addition to featuring certain departments, contained at least two articles, which were of general interest to readers and which usually related to those departments. These articles were contributed by eminent citizens and writers prominent in their respective fields of interest. Included among the contributors are: James M. Hepbron, director Community Fund of Baltimore; A. W. W. Woodcock, former United States Attorney; Dr. Esther J. Crooks, professor of Spanish, Goucher College; J. Edgar Hoover, director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; George H. Opdyke, author; Margaret Harrison, author and instructor at New York University; Henry F. Grady, assistant Secretary of State; Harold Benjamin, dean of the College of Education, University of Maryland; Earl G. Harrison, director of registration, U. S. Department of Justice; and Edith Rockwood, specialist in Child Welfare. Then, too, Mrs. Saidie Orr Dunbar, President of the General Federation, chairmen of departments of G. F. W. C., and, of course, members of the M. F. W. C., submitted articles on request.

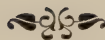
In addition to the usual reports made by the heads of departments of work, and news of the member clubs in each of the six districts, written by district editors, several types of feature articles and stories have been used during this administration. These include: a parliamentary page conducted by Mrs. John L. Whitehurst for the issues of Volume XII; a series of historical sketches on historical homes and churches in Maryland for the issues of Volumes XIII and XIV written by Mrs. L. Warrington Carr, a member of the Baltimore Branch of the National League of American Pen Women; and a book page for each issue of the three-year period by the State Chairman of Literature, Mrs. Howard Douglas Dozier, who had previously done that work for the magazine. Poetry, too, was extensively used. Much of the fine work of this type came from the pen of Mrs. Helen Bayley Davis, poet laureate of the State Federation. Poems that won prizes in the annual poetry contest were also published, as were other verses of merit that were submitted. In one sense *The Junior Clubs* have been featured since an additional column was granted that

department because of its increased membership. In the issue for June-July, 1940, President-Director, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum had the honor and privilege of presenting a Maryland woman, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, first vice-president G. F. W. C., for the highest office in the General Federation, that of president.

Working with Mrs. Franklyn G. Lundgren, the efficient business manager, has been Mr. Alfred C. Rice, Jr.; an expert advertising manager. The pages of the magazine give evidence of their successful work.

Mrs. Clarence H. Klingel served as subscription manager during 1938-1939. She resigned at the end of that time because of her election as treasurer of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, a club with a membership of 600. She was succeeded by Mrs. Lundgren who accepted that duty in addition to her work as *business* manager.

Capably assisting the editor in her work have been the associate editors, Miss Imogene Caruthers, during 1938 and 1939, and Mrs. Glenn E. Cowles, during 1939 to 1941. To them the editor acknowledges a debt of gratitude as she does to all the members of the staff of *The Maryland Club Woman* and to all who have furthered its work.



FIRST OR NORTHERN DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
FIRST PRESIDENT
1921-1924



MRS. RICHARD S. J. DUTROW *

Member of the Frederick Civic Club.

* Deceased, May 1, 1939.

FIRST OR NORTHERN DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
(GARRETT, ALLEGANY, WASHINGTON, FREDERICK,
CARROLL, AND HARFORD COUNTIES)



MRS. A. N. GOLLADAY

President of the Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland, 1934-1936
President of District
1941-



MRS. C. W. GREGORY

President of the Frederic Civic Club, 1932-1937
Retiring President of the District
1938-1941

The First or Northern District

By MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER, *Historian*

If history is a systematic narrative of past events, your historian has many things to consider which hamper her in the finding of material which would throw light on the subject desired. Because we have to contend with the human equation, the efficient or the non-efficient records of the past, it is difficult to make these gleanings interesting, for, of necessity, many repetitions will be made and many facts are forgotten or unattainable due to deaths and other emphatic causes which prohibit the finding of interesting data. Then, too, in our meetings we see things differently. What one would consider as important to record, another would not. Even so, women have lots to learn in the compiling of records or the writing of fair and accurate minutes. The work of a historian involves much search for material, delving into old addresses, minutes, newspaper clippings, old letters, notes written on old programs or whatever data can be found that will throw light on some bygone events.

We, of the Northern District, feel that we have a splendid heritage of ideals and accomplishments. Do not misunderstand us and accuse us of ego, for those who knew our first official body and all those who helped put the organization across must feel a pride in the personnel of the Northern District. Having been a member of the Northern District since its organization, with an almost 100% record of attendance at its conventions and many times present at Executive meetings, memories are stirred which move me deeply. I can remember well some timid, hesitating ones, stumbling over reports which reminded one of Tennyson's brook, and now we listen to women who can "Speak their mind" at any time or place, and express their meaning in a few short sentences.

DISTRICT ORGANIZED IN 1921

The first, or Northern District of Maryland State Federation came into being on October 5, 1921, when about eighty representatives of nine clubs from Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Harford and Carroll Counties met in Win-



MRS. JAMES PEARRE WANTZ

*State Director (Representative on State Board before
District was organized)
1920-1922*

First Recording Secretary, 1921-1923
Mrs. Wantz also served as District Treasurer.

chester Hall, Frederick. The Frederick Civic Club was hostess. Its president, Mrs. Eleanor Tull, being unable to attend, the first vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Delashmut, presided. Mrs. Francis Sanderson, State president, acted as temporary chairman and Miss Helena Stauffer as temporary secretary. The object of organizing was stated, "To bring clubs in closer communication for mutual helpfulness and to further the work of the State Federation." A committee on constitution, which had been previously appointed, read its report which was adopted article by article. This committee consisted of Mrs. Edward Zeigler, Mrs. Robert Henderson and Mrs. J. Sidwell Myers. A nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Carroll Albaugh, Mrs. Frank Ridenour, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes and Mrs. Richard Ross presented the names of the following as officers and they were unanimously elected—president, Mrs. Richard S. J. Dutrow, vice-president, Mrs. James H. Findley, recording secretary, Mrs. J. P. Wantz, treasurer, Mrs. Robert Henderson. Miss Helena Stauffer was appointed corresponding secretary.

The clubs composing the organization were: Cumberland Civic, 119 members; Hagerstown Civic, 125; Hagerstown Current Events, 33; Frederick Civic, 140; Frederick Female Seminary, 18; Walkersville Women's 40; Westminster Civic, 170; Westminster Women's, 25; about 100 members and guests attended the luncheon at Wayside Inn, where Mrs. Robert Tyson, chairman of entertainment, presided. She introduced State president, Mrs. Sanderson, vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Jones, and Mrs. J. R. Moses, who all gave short talks. Coming back to Winchester Hall, business of a routine nature was transacted and thus our District was founded. The Northern District was the first in the State to federate.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED BY 1922

On October 6, 1922 the second annual convention was held in McDaniel Hall, Western Maryland College, with the Westminster Woman's Club acting as hostess. Mrs. Dutrow reported three more clubs as having joined, Frostburg, Oakland Civic, and Havre de Grace Woman's, making a

total of twelve clubs with a membership of 882. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Fine Arts, Mrs. J. H. Apple; Division of Art, Mrs. Robert Clapp; Music, Mrs. Richard Ross; Legislation, Mrs. Carroll Albaugh; Resolutions and Recommendations, Mrs. Robert Henderson; Education, Mrs. Wm. T. Hamilton; Division Home Economics, Miss Frances E. Garber. Mrs. J. Sidwell Myers was appointed the first auditor and Mrs. Frank E. Stoner, chairman of Press and Publicity. The first treasurer's report read, "\$10.00 dues received, \$8.00 expenses, leaving a balance of \$2.00 in the treasury." The auditor reported, "She had found the treasurer's account correct and supported by the proper vouchers." The District also pledged \$3.00 per club toward the digging of a well for the Friends' Creek Community Project. I remember well the smiles that greeted this report, but it did set a fine example for all time, to keep our expenditures within our budget. Mrs. Dutrow was a woman of strong religious convictions and a splendid executive. She urged the women to faithful performance of duties, and to be willing to undertake new work. One of her reports closed with this thought, "May we all have the vision of our duty; the wisdom and strength to serve our community, nation and suffering humanity wherever it exists."

G. F. W. C. PRESIDENT, MRS. WINTER, ADDRESSED GROUP

We had the honor of having with us at this meeting the president of General Federation, Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, and Miss Lida Hafford of General Federation headquarters at Washington and several of the State officers, all of whom talked on their particular lines of effort. Mrs. Winter gave us splendid thoughts on the advancement of women, the importance of our work now, and our larger outlook for the future.

A change in the by-laws was made, making it obligatory for a club of twenty-five or less to pay \$1.00 yearly dues and ten cents for each additional ten members. The following were appointed as a committee on resolutions: Mrs. Robert Henderson, chairman, Mrs. Robert Tyson, Mrs. Link Lyon, and Mrs. M. S. H. Unger. Mrs. Joseph Apple gave a description of the Biennial Meeting held at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., in June, 1922.

At the executive meetings held in June, 1923 at the home of Mrs. James Findlay, it was reported that ten clubs had pledged \$425.00, over one-tenth of the quota on the State's pledge of \$4,000.00 to the headquarters fund. It is interesting to note that the first five executive meetings were held at the hospitable home of Mrs. James Findlay, who proved herself to be a true clubwoman.

At the October 2, 1923 meeting in the Emmanuel Parish House at Cumberland, Mayor Koons extended us a hearty welcome. We had the pleasure of having as our guests, State chairman, Mrs. Benjamin Corkran, Mrs. Wm. F. Rogers, and Mrs. John G. Price. Frostburg received honorable mention at this meeting for having federated each step of the way in County, District, State and General showing a broad vision as to its responsibilities. A Public Welfare committee was added to our list with Mrs. A. M. Lichtenstein as chairman. A great many resolutions were passed concerning the merit system, conservation, suffrage, music and work to be undertaken. Also four amendments were made to the constitution and by-laws. Mr. Oliver Short gave an address on the Merit System, a subject which was being widely discussed at that time.

MRS. JOHN D. ROBERTS ELECTED PRESIDENT, 1924

Hagerstown Woman's Club was hostess on October 7, 1924. The resignation of Mrs. Dutrow as president was accepted with regret and a rising vote of thanks given her for her splendid work. Mrs. John D. Roberts was unanimously elected as the new president. Mrs. Dutrow and her staff had done splendid work in getting the District started in its divisional work—no small task. At this time we numbered twenty-three clubs, with 2340 members. Mrs. Dutrow had been elected vice-president of the State Federation and was active in raising the Jubilee Fund in celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the General Federation. During this year, April 22, 23, 24, 1924, Frederick had entertained the State Convention, the first time the counties had ever had this honor.

On October 3, 1925 the District meeting was held at Frostburg in the State Normal School. Mrs. John D.

Roberts, president, presided. Two minute talks by club presidents gave proof at this time that women could verify the old saying, "When through pumping let go the handle." Many good thoughts were offered and the short talks given by our visiting State officers contained many helpful suggestions. This was the first program on which special music was announced, a violin solo by Mr. Harry Dunnett, a soprano solo by Mrs. Mabel Kemp Durst. The Frostburg Rotary Club escorted the delegates by automobiles to Eckart's Coal Mine and to Dan's Rock, an extremely interesting diversion.

Frederick Civic Club was hostess at Catoclin County Club on October 5, 1926. Mrs. A. N. Ward, president, inaugurated the adoption of district stationery which was ordered printed and furnished to district officers. Club presidents of county organizations were added to the Executive Committee and the meeting time of the District Convention was changed to April in order to conform to the schedule of the State Federation. Mrs. Ward also originated the idea of Club Institutes and recommended a library for each county seat, and went on record as voting against the insidious growth of salacious reading matter found on the news stands. State President, Mrs. John Alcock, and another State officer were our guests at this meeting.

THE MEETING AT OAKLAND, 1927

A convention was held at Oakland on April 7, 1927, which was most interesting, most amusing, most disappointing, and yet entirely successful. Interesting because of the splendid hospitality and fine attendance of club women; amusing because of some funny situations; disappointing because many officers and chairmen were absent; successful because with the inspiring presence of Mrs. John L. Alcock a good program was carried through on time and many helpful suggestions were given in the reports sent. Because of the illness of her husband, our president, Mrs. A. N. Ward, could not be present and had delegated Mrs. George K. Mather to represent her and read her report.

Mrs. Mather read two other reports and substituted for the chairman of resolutions and press correspondent. Mrs. F. A. Taylor reported for an officer, Mrs. F. M. Stover, corresponding secretary, also reported for the secretary and Mrs. R. E. Towne read Mrs. Dutrow's report on the State endowment fund which the District has supported since its beginning. Did you ever hear of such a mix up with everybody having such a good time? Mrs. James Treacy and Miss Ruth Conley furnished the music, and immediately following a reception at the Manhattan Hotel, Mrs. Alcock talked on Federation work. Miss Esther Smith, teacher of Dramatics at Western Maryland College, delighted all present with a "Short Outline of the Development of the Community Drama," and in a charming manner gave the one act play, "Will O' the Wisp." A note of greeting and sympathy accompanied by a bouquet of flowers was sent to Mrs. Ward. Mrs. Milton Sincell gave a delightful reception at her home in honor of delegates and friends who stayed over for the night.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT WESTMINSTER

On October 28, 1928 the eighth annual meeting was held at Western Maryland College, the Westminster Civic League being hostess. It is interesting to note that all meetings have been opened with prayer, the singing of patriotic hymns and the reading of the Club Collect. As usual, State officers were our guests and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst announced that prizes would be given for securing the most subscriptions to the Federation paper. Mrs. George K. Mather won a prize of \$15.00 which she presented to her club. Mrs. Earl Shipley directed the singing of our campaign songs, Miss Caroline Wantz gave a vocal solo, and an instrumental number was given by Miss Hertzman, a college student. A one act play, "Square Pegs," was given by the Misses Miles and Smith. At this meeting our slogan was "Libraries and Better Speech." Mrs. A. N. Ward, as president, presided and just one sentence in her remarks is sufficient to give a clear impression of her character. She said, "The kind of women that clubs want as leaders are the women who put responsibility before their

own glory, spiritual above material values, God fearing women.”

Mrs. A. Norman Ward completed her four-year term as president in April, 1929, at Cumberland. At this convention were presented the members of the District who were on the State Board. State Director, Mrs. J. W. Averitt-Thomas; Libraries, Mrs. J. P. Wantz, Sr.; American Home, Miss Anne Sloan; Art, Miss Pearl Eader. Mrs. Ward reported that as president of the District she had served on the State nominating committee, chairman of Education for two years, on the program committee and on Mrs. John F. Sippel's campaign committee. To this last campaign the District had contributed \$25.00. Dr. J. Mason Knox gave an inspiring address on "Child Health and Better Sanitation." An address by Mrs. Alcock, a solo by Mrs. Karl Leith, Mt. Royal Avenue Glee Club, and aesthetic dances by the Gross Sisters, highly entertained us. In the evening Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas held a most enjoyable reception at her home in the Algonquin Hotel.

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN ACCEPTED

April 3, 1930 at Hood College we were welcomed by the Frederick County Clubs. The President, Miss Anne M. Sloan, reported that we had paid our share toward the past presidents' pin for Mrs. John L. Alcock who spoke at this meeting. Mrs. Ward was pledged the support and loyalty of the District as State president in the coming campaign. A little later Mrs. Ward withdrew in favor of Mrs. Whitehurst. Under this regime we revised our constitution and accepted the plan of universal membership. At this time we went into the peach business, cooperating with Mrs. Whitehurst in her efforts to help the peach growers of Maryland get rid of their surplus fruit. Miss Sloan's slogan "Coming together is beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success," was especially apropos, considering the long list of departmental and standing committee reports. Miss Sloan recommended: (1) that a revision of the by-laws be made; (2) that we cooperate with the Maryland League for Crippled Children; (3) that each county establish a branch of the Children's Aid Society; (4) that we lend our support to the Maryland



MISS ANNE M. SLOAN

President of Allegany County Federation, 1915-1917
District President 1929-1931

Training School for Girls; (5) that we assist in the restoration of Old Fort Frederick by planting George Washington trees. Miss Sloan was heart and soul for all welfare work. Greetings were given by State officers, after which we were entertained by Miss Mary Hamm and Miss Grace Bane of Hood College.

The Current Events Club and the Hagerstown Civic Club were hostesses on March 31, 1931 at the Hotel Alexander. Miss Sloan advised the establishment of orthopedic schools in each county. State president, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, with Mrs. John L. Alcock and Mrs. J. Enos Ray were visitors. Mrs. H. Matthew Gault with the aid of State and District Chairmen, conducted a Club Institute illustrating work and aims of departmental committee work.

On April 5, 1932 we met again in Westminster, at the College, with the Woman's Club as hostess, and Mrs. Floyd Younkins, as president. We contributed \$10.00 toward a miniature of Mistress Margaret Brent, to be given to Mrs. John F. Sippel on her retirement from the presidency of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The president introduced as guests of the day five of the State officers. Miss Ruth Jones entertained us with two solos and Rhea Hess and Florence Byrd gave a dance, "The Wind and the Moon." Mrs. Ward conducted a round table with a discussion of the question, "How to have a successful club meeting." After universal membership had been accepted, a number of clubs withdrew, leaving but sixteen on the roll at this time.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We met in 1933 in Cumberland Methodist Episcopal Church, with the president, Mrs. William Claus, presiding. At this meeting a song composed by Sara Roberta Getty was sung. State president, Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, and Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen were our guests. Other guests who took part in the Club Institute were, Miss Adele Stamp, Mrs. Douglas Gresmer, Mrs. C. B. Foster, Miss Anita Faatz, Miss M. C. Judge and Mrs. William J. Brown. Music was furnished by an instrumental trio, Mrs. R. W. Trevaskis, Mr. R. Travaskis and Mr. Robert E. Colemy,



MRS. WILLIAM CLAUS

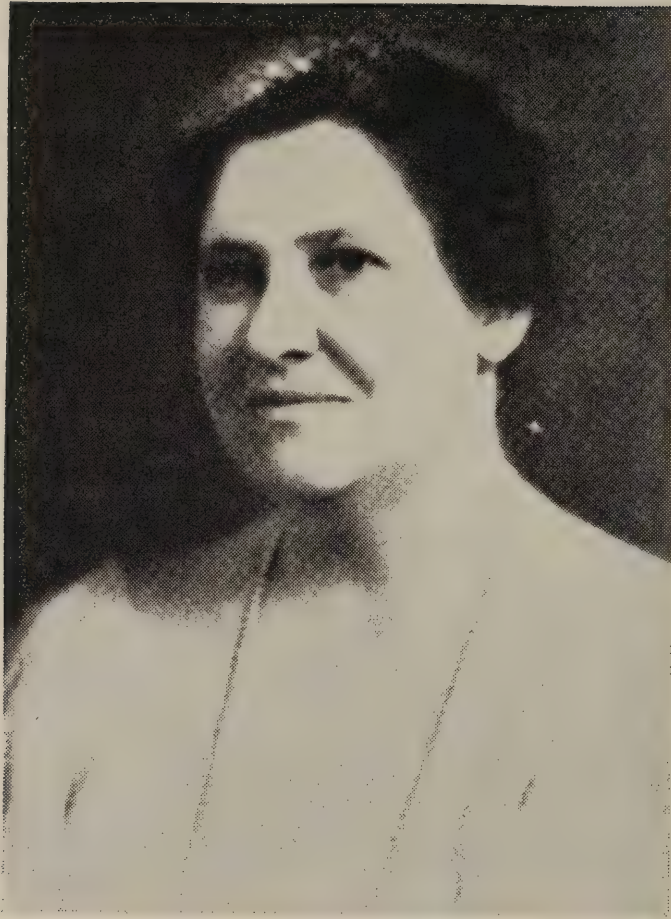
President of the First District, 1932-1935

and Mr. Karl Meyer Leith gave a vocal solo. A sum of money was voted to the loan scholarship. On the evening preceding the convention, the Woman's Civic Club gave a reception to officers and delegates. Mrs. F. H. Ankenny presided. The Fine Arts division gave two plays, "A Chinese Fantasy," and "Neighbors." Mrs. Mabel Kemp Durst sang two solos. Mrs. Walter Kriel gave \$100.00 toward the loan scholarship in honor of her mother, Mrs. Penelope B. Stansbury.

DISTRICT WORK ON UPGRADE

St. James Hotel, Oakland was the meeting place on April 26, 1934, with Mrs. William Claus as president, who also served in 1935 at Frederick. During her term of office, a contribution was made to the Grace Morrison Poole Birthday Fund, and the Margaret Brent Tercentenary Planting at the University of Maryland. The club took a three-year subscription of the G. F. W. C. Magazine for the use of the president. At Oakland, Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen and Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen made addresses. Music was furnished by Miss Virginia Kreshner and Mrs. I. N. Holden. At Frederick, Dr. H. I. Stahr gave an instructive address on education and a long list of reports was heard. These showed the District work to be decidedly on the upgrade. We had quite a number of honor guests, as usual, at Frederick, and the people of the city excelled in complete arrangements for our entertainment. This convention was a success in every way.

In 1936, at Western Maryland College the Woman's Club was hostess, with Mrs. C. Milton Sincell as president. In this year the salute to the flag was introduced by Mrs. Walter E. Kriel. A contribution was made to student loan. Reports of officers and chairmen showed the work in fine condition. State president, Mrs. Frank W. Hoadley, urged attendance at all State meetings. We were also urged to enter Fine Arts contests. Dr. Fred G. Holloway gave an address on "The Value of Time." Mrs. Earl Shipley directed the music and Mrs. Gerald Brickett, Miss Evelyn Mather and Mr. Henry Ackley furnished special numbers. In August of this year, because of severe illness, from



MRS. G. MILTON SINCELL *

President of the Oakland Civic Club, 1925-1927

President of the First District, 1935-1937

* Deceased July 4, 1937.

which she later died, the resignation of Mrs. Sincell was accepted with deep regret. She was a conscientious, loyal worker. Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, vice-president, finished the unexpired term, and was later elected president.

MRS. FRANK M. HOADLEY STRESSED JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Woman's Civic Club acted as hostess at the Center Street Methodist Church in Cumberland in 1937. The composer of the District song, Mrs. W. W. Grant, was presented and all joined in singing this number. Mrs. Walter E. Kriel reported that twenty State directories had been purchased for chairmen of departments. Our honor guests were Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, State president, past president of the District, Mrs. John Claus, president of the Fourth District, Mrs. John C. Shaw, and State historian, Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas. Mrs. Hoadley stressed the importance of Junior Clubs and announced a six per cent increase in Club memberships for the year. One new club was organized at Sykesville. Colonel George Henderson, spoke on "Women in Politics," and emphasized the necessity for women to keep their independence and act as a mobile reserve to punish and reward.

At the Hotel Alexander, Hagerstown, April 5, 1938, the Northern District acting as a unit was hostess to the annual meeting. The president, Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, announced that at the Executive Board meeting cooperation had been urged for cancer control day. Mrs. John L. Whitehurst's campaign for first vice-president of the General Federation was heartily endorsed. Resolutions were presented by Mrs. M. R. Etchison in memory of Mrs. Floyd R. Younkin and Mrs. C. Milton Sincell. In their memory, a twenty dollar contribution was made to the Student Loan Fund. Mrs. Fred G. Holloway led in a very impressive memorial service for those club members who had died during the year. Citizenship responsibility was especially stressed at this meeting. Our honor guests, Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, Mrs. William Claus, Miss Anne M. Sloan, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Mrs. Carl W. Wheelock, Mrs. John C. Shaw, Mrs. Elmer C. Mayberry, gave two-minute greetings. Flowers



MRS. WALTER E. KRIEL

President of the Woman's Club of Hampstead, 1929-1933
District President, 1937-1938

were presented to Mrs. Hoadley and Mrs. Kriel. Miss Esther Downey sang, accompanied by Miss Isobel Lindsay. The Westernport Choral Group led by Mrs. Raymond Moore gave several selections of old time songs, which proved a pleasant diversion. The address of the day was by Mr. Eugene Johnson on "The Background of the Sino-Japanese Conflict."

MEMORIAL FUNDS VOTED FOR MRS. WARD AND MRS. ALCOCK

At the club house at Hagerstown, the Woman's Civic Club was hostess on April 4, 1939. The president, Mrs. W. C. Gregory presided. It was announced that copies of the constitution and by-laws would be given to each member of the board. It was requested that each club present the name of some member of the board who might be eligible as a District Pioneer Club woman for the pageant. Mrs. Gregory exhibited the gavel that Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley had presented to the District. Mrs. Homer L. Twigg urged that the club be organized and federated. The jonquil was voted as our District flower. It was voted that the cancer control funds be given in memory of Mrs. A. Norman Ward and Mrs. Alcock who had done such fine work in the Federation. An impressive memorial service was led by Mrs. Etchison. We were especially urged to subscribe to our Federation magazines. The District contributed to student loan, endowment and foundation funds. Our guest of honor was Mrs. Harry L. Harcum to whom Mrs. John M. DeLashmut read an original poem and presented a corsage. Mrs. Harcum spoke on the subject, "Seek understanding through cooperation," and closed by saying, "If you live close to God in his infinite grace, you don't need to proclaim it, it shows in your face." Mr. George Updegraff sang a solo and the group singing was led by Mrs. Raymond Moore.

"MORE CLUBS AND MORE MEMBERS"

The twentieth annual meeting was held on April 12, 1940 at the Club House of the Woman's Civic Club of Hagerstown. President Mrs. C. W. Gregory announced as her slogan for the year, "More clubs and more club members."

Announcement was made that the women of First District were invited to be hostesses to the State meeting. It was decided that our feature of entertainment would be a midnight movie show at the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, with a fleet of taxi cabs provided to take the guests from their hotel to the theatre and return. Our hostess badges of gold ribbon with black lettering, in honor of the Golden Jubilee, were in charge of our district treasurer, Mrs. Carlos Crawford. The Frederick Junior Club joined at this time, being the first juniors to take the step. Mrs. S. B. Schofield welcomed those assembled and Mrs. Elmer Dixon responded. The Junior Club sang and the chorus numbers were led by Miss Evelyn Mather. The following officers reported: president, Mrs. C. W. Gregory; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. N. Golladay, Mrs. Elmer Michael and Mrs. Burton Houseley; recording secretary, Mrs. Maurice Eburg; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. E. Schildknecht; treasurer, Mrs. Carlos Crawford. Mrs. George K. Mather was named auditor and also historian.

The following are chairmen of divisions: American Citizenship and Legislation, Mrs. Lula Boucher; Cooperation with Ex-Service Men, Mrs. Paul McCoy; American Home, Mrs. Joseph W. Allender; Family Finance and Insurance, Mrs. Robert Durham; Education, Miss Emma French; Kindergarten Extension, Mrs. Fred G. Holloway; Library Service, Mrs. Martha Shaw; Fine Arts, Mrs. J. W. Donnan; Drama, Mrs. George K. Mather; Music, Mrs. Raymond L. Moore; Poetry, Mrs. John M. DeLashmut; International Relations, Mrs. M. R. Etchison; Junior Membership, Mrs. Homer L. Twigg; Press and Publicity, Miss Frances Calvert; Public Welfare and Public Health, Mrs. William A. Lawson.

The following are the Standing Committees: Club Extension, Mrs. A. N. Golladay, Mrs. J. B. Littman and Mrs. J. Glenn Beal; Clubwoman GFWC, Mrs. M. R. Etchison; Credentials, Mrs. S. W. Cooper; Foundation Fund GFWC, Miss Mary H. Stansbury; Historian, Mrs. George K. Mather; Public Safety, Mrs. George Banks; Resolutions and Revisions, Mrs. Elmer Dixon; Student Loan, Mrs. William E. Kindley. I have named this long list in order that our history will show to what we have grown.

HONOR TO PIONEER:

The luncheon celebrated the Golden Jubilee and honored the Pioneer Women, Mrs. J. W. Averitt-Thomas and Mrs. George K. Mather. They were presented by Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes and the whole was a very lovely affair. The decorations carried out the gold idea. Mrs. Carlos Crawford had attractively wrapped up beautiful kerchiefs with appropriate verses which were found at the place of each honor guest at the table. The medals were also presented at this time amid hearty applause.

The Clubs' birthday gifts for the Golden Jubilee were given in a pageant written by Mrs. George K. Mather. Each individual who represented a club appeared in a costume of fifty years ago and presented her gift to Jennie June Croly, the part taken by Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. M. R. Etchison, as Chairman of Birthday Celebration in the District, presented the gift of \$130.00 to Mrs. C. W. Gregory on behalf of the Federation, after which all joined in singing the District song, led by Miss Evelyn Mather. Our guests were District presidents Mrs. H. C. Robertson, Mrs. Henry Naylor, and Mrs. T. J. Tingley. Mrs. Simon E. Sobeloff and Mrs. F. M. Hoadley were also guests and Mrs. Hoadley gave an inspirational address on "Club Dividends." After the reading of the courtesy resolutions by Mrs. Paul McCoy, one of the most enthusiastic and best attended of our conventions came to a close.

TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

At last the First District has come of age and celebrated its twenty-first annual meeting on April 4, 1941 at Calvary Methodist Church, Frederick, Maryland. We were graciously welcomed by Mrs. Benjamin Meeks followed by an equally warm and sincere response by Mrs. Arthur Brown. President Mrs. C. W. Gregory announced the invocation by Mrs. S. B. Schofield. Reports of officers and committee chairmen showed the work on the upgrade. One new club, the Milwaukee Delegates Club, which will rotate each year to the different districts, was with the First District this year and was represented by its state officers. Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Mrs. John L.

Whitehurst, Mrs. Howard Kroh, Mrs. George A. Hax, and Mrs. Walter Kriel, were our guests at the convention. Mrs. A. N. Ward's name was voted to be inscribed on the bronze plaque at Maryland University Hospital in memory of those who were victims of cancer. Mrs. Charles O. Clemson paid an inspiring tribute to Mrs. Walter Kriel as the First District's candidate for the State Presidency. Mrs. Clemson is also on the ticket for the office of Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Gregory and the other officers resigned at this time after having splendidly fulfilled the duties of their various offices. The following were unanimously elected for the ensuing term: President, Mrs. A. N. Golladay; Vice-President, Mrs. William S. Shipley; Secretary, Mrs. Paul McCoy; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Scott. Mrs. Calvin Schildknecht presided at the luncheon table which was decorated with jonquils, our chosen flower for the District. Mrs. Harry L. Harcum pronounced the blessing after which Mrs. Gregory presented the following guests: Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Mrs. John F. Sippel, Mrs. Walter Kriel, Mrs. Howard Kroh, Mrs. G. Maurice Eburg, Mrs. Carlos Crawford, Mrs. George A. Hax, Mrs. W. P. Starr, Miss Helen Tabler, the newly elected officers, Mrs. A. N. Golladay, Mrs. William S. Shipley, Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mrs. Arthur Scott, and Historian Mrs. George K. Mather, who were applauded as they rose in their places at the table. The roll call of clubs showed a fine representation present. At this time we were favored with several vocal selections by the Junior Civic Club. Mrs. Schildknecht presented Mrs. Whitehurst as the speaker of the afternoon who gave a forceful and inspirational address on the Jubilee meeting to be held at Atlantic City in May, also appealed to our patriotism and stressed some objectives for which women should work—the church, the government, and all local agencies which deserve our support. With the reading of the courtesy resolutions by Mrs. Elmer Dixon, Mrs. Gregory announced the adjournment of the 1941 annual convention. This meeting was one of the high lights of the District, put on in the fine way in which Frederick excels. Hospitable, friendly, and gracious, all felt the warmth of our welcome and so we anticipate the fellowship of the year which is to follow.

DISTRICT FURNISHED NATIONAL AND STATE LEADERS

Northern District is proud to have furnished a General Federation President, Mrs. John F. Sippel, State President, Mrs. John L. Alcock, both born in Carroll County; two Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ricard S. J. Dutrow and Mrs. Walter E. Kriel; State Director, Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas who was also Historian and on the Budget committee; Mrs. J. P. Wantz, Sr., State Director of this section of the state before we were divided into districts, also on Educational committee; Treasurer, Mrs. Homer L. Twigg; Mrs. Frank W. Mather on American Home Department committee who made a broadcast on Home Economics; Mrs. Charles O. Clemson who served as Credentials Chairman in 1934; and State Junior Membership Chairman, Mrs. David H. Taylor. Others who have served on the State Staff in different capacities are Mrs. M. R. Etchison, Mrs. C. E. Schildknecht, Miss Anne M. Sloan, Mrs. John DeLashmutt, Mrs. C. W. Gregory, Miss Bertha Adkins, Miss Elizabeth Lowndes, Mrs. J. D. Roberts, Mrs. A. N. Ward, Mrs. J. C. Byron, Mrs. Floyd Younkin, Mrs. William Claus, Mrs. C. Milton Sincell, and Mrs. George Mather. Others in the work of the District deserving of special mention are Mrs. A. N. Golladay, Mrs. Joseph Apple, Mrs. M. S. H. Unger, Mrs. Lloyd Shaw, Mrs. F. M. Stover, Mrs. John Dunkle, Mrs. Mark Roe, Mrs. Elmer Dixon, Mrs. Lula Boucher, Mrs. Charles O. Clemson, Mrs. F. G. Hollaway, Mrs. Russell Schaeffer, Mrs. Martha Shaw, Mrs. Raymond L. Moore, Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mrs. Carlos Crawford, Miss Emma French, Mrs. C. E. Klein, Mrs. W. E. Kindley, Mrs. S. W. Cooper, Mrs. F. H. Ankeny, Miss Ada Miller, Miss Anna May Wilson, Mrs. Claude Yowell, Mrs. George Holland, Mrs. G. Maurice Eburg, Mrs. Nellie W. Footer, and Mrs. T. Havern Gill.

Our officers and chairmen have all been women of broad vision who have kept the work on a high plane, ever striving to do that which contributes to the betterment of home, schools and State. We have met all requests along financial and club work lines. There are many clubs which have joined at different times but for various reasons resigned their membership in the Federation. We were sorry to lose them for they were all led by women of fine calibre and

accomplished a good work. We have ten clubs, plus the Allegany County Federation, composed of five clubs, making a total of fourteen now in the District Federation. This history would not be complete without a sketch of each existing club and its accomplishments.

1. THE FREDERICK CIVIC CLUB, organized in 1911, federated in 1912, membership 46. For the purpose of increasing public interest they were hostess to the organizational meeting of the First or Northern District; furnished the first president, Mrs. R. S. J. Dutrow who was also a State vice-president, entertained the State convention and also District conventions; have met all obligations to State and District; furnished several board members for the State; one of their members received the State prize in the poetry contest; two have been corresponding secretary for the District; two have been recording secretary; five have been on the District Board, and others have served on important State and District committees.

The following are also set down to their credit: Started the public library and contributed books from year to year; assisted in organizing the playground work; helped get fire escapes, better lighting and ventilation in our school buildings; held flower garden contests yearly; aided in bringing Chautauqua to Frederick; persuaded the school commissioners to have a longer term of school for colored children; planted trees; made posters; gave yearly free memberships to Y. M. C. A.; contributed regularly to Community Chest; provided first aid kits for five playgrounds each year; gave books, coal and money to colored kindergarten; conducted better baby clinics, and most successful fly campaign, took an active part in all civic enterprises; and organized a Junior Civic Club with twenty-five members which is very active and growing rapidly.

Their presidents have been: Mrs. Lewis Motter, Mrs. Harry Haller, Miss Charlotte Baker, Mrs. B. F. Reichk, Mrs. Robert S. Tyson, Mrs. Eleanor Tull, Mrs. William DeLashmut, Mrs. W. E. Kindley, Mrs. Raymond O. McIntyre, Mrs. C. W. Gregory. Those in office now are president, Mrs. C. E. Schildknecht; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clayton Dixon; treasurer, Mrs. William E. Kindley; recording secretary, Mrs. E. E. Dixon.

2. **FREDERICK JUNIOR CIVIC** organized and federated in 1939; membership 23; presidents, Miss Dorothy Ford and Miss Anna May Wilson. They were organized in response to a need for endeavor on the part of young women in Frederick. For the record of work accomplished in so short a time, we congratulate them and wish them success for the future. They made posters for Armistice Day parade depicting safety consciousness, and four members carried a fourteen foot banner; held a banquet honoring the District president, Mrs. C. W. Gregory and president of Senior Club, Mrs. C. E. Schildknecht; assisted in Golden Jubilee; attended the Junior State officers' meeting and classes in drama in Baltimore; sent a scrap book to Kernans Hospital for Crippled Children; furnished a chorus to sing at District meeting; sent checks to High School to furnish lunches for needy children, to Rosewood Training School and to Baker Carillon, and Community Chest.

In cooperation with other clubs, they helped sponsor the Easter music sunrise service held in Community Park; contributed to the Frederick County Emergency Hospital; had three-fourths of their members finger printed. They have an active welcoming committee, and with the cooperation of Potomac Edison they secure the names of families when they move into town. With the help of the stores, a basket of foodstuffs and fruits with the local newspaper contributed for one week, is taken to the family. A local dairy furnishes milk free for one week, any questions are answered, and a feeling of welcome and friendliness is the result. In addition to such welfare work they arranged Christmas programs for those at the Home for the Aged and the I. O. O. F. Home. Does not such a record challenge every other club? The officers are, president, Miss Anna May Wilson, vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Etsler; recording secretary, Miss Nola Fogle; corresponding secretary, Miss Evelyn Dixon; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Bussard; director, Mrs. Geraldine Kreh Kline.

3. **THE OAKLAND CIVIC CLUB** organized in 1911, federated in 1916; membership 27. Its purpose—"To increase public interest in all matters relating to good citizenship." They work for the beautification and cleanliness of their town

and try to promote a better social order. Their presidents have been: Miss Tekla Fundenberg, Mrs. E. H. Sincell, Mrs. E. Z. Tower, Mrs. R. E. Sliger, Mrs. James Willison, Mrs. Paul B. Nauler, Mrs. J. L. Pollock, Mrs. C. Milton Sincell and Miss Lottie Loar. This club has donated a fine drinking fountain and watering trough; built a rock fence for the Oakland Cemetery at a cost of \$850.00; took care of the cemetery for eleven years; superintended and helped finance the town cleaning; assisted in organizing the country fair, Free Public Library; Junior League for War Work; Tuberculosis League for Garrett county; County Health Association; employed a nurse; organized the Girl Scouts; sponsored the first clinic in the state for crippled children, carried it on for many years until the State took it over; arranged for the first Community Christmas tree; participated in the garden contest for seven years; leased from the B. & O. R. R. Company twenty-four acres for the purpose of beautification and planted an elm sapling from the Washington Elm at Cambridge, Mass. They also planted 2,000 red pines and 3,400 evergreens. As part of the National program, 1650 walnuts from Gettysburg and Mt. Vernon were distributed with a special effort made to supply one to each baby born in the county during the year 1932. They purchased two acres of wooded land which was turned over to the State Forestry Department; contributed their full quota to the Foundation Fund; acted as hostess to the District meetings of 1923 and 1934 and furnished a District president in the person of Mrs. C. Milton Sincell. Mrs. W. W. Grant wrote the Northern District prize song. Mrs. E. J. Tower is now president and other officers are: Mrs. Paul B. Naylor, Mrs. J. E. Baumgartner, Mrs. J. B. Littman, Mrs. Harold Harned and Mrs. W. W. Grant.

4. WESTERNPORT AND LUKE CIVIC CLUB was organized in 1913, federated in 1923, membership 47. Its purpose, "To arouse civic pride and local patriotism, promote welfare, improve morals, prevent cruelty to animals, cultivate a desire for better health, comfort and beauty, and uphold the law." Presidents of this club have been: Mrs. U. B. McCauldlish, Mrs. J. M. Davis, Mrs. William Rosenbloom, Mrs. Walter Hanna, Mrs. J. P. Miller, Mrs. Lewis Engle, Mrs.

Charles Friend, Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mrs. Burton E. Housley and Mrs. John Clabaugh. Their present officers are: president, Mrs. John Clabaugh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Dillinger; treasurer, Mrs. John W. Fisher. Their club programs have been planned to harmonize with those outlined by the State Federation.

Among their activities we note: Health clinics established; cooperation with Public Health Department in distributing typhoid inoculations during epidemics; annual clean up campaigns; helping to secure garbage disposal system for town; a free library; free mail delivery; civic beautification. They have contributed toward a fire truck, state and county scholarship funds, and for clothes and hot lunches for needy school children. Work has been carried on to aid ex-service men and help the Red Cross. They adopted two little French girls during the World War and still keep in touch with them. The following served as District officers and chairmen: Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mrs. P. E. Berry, Mrs. Robert Durham, Mrs. R. L. Moore, Mrs. Burton Housley and Mrs. Frances Calvert. In the 1937 State Dramatic Contest the contestant from Westernport was awarded first prize for an original one act play. This club is always in the forefront.

Their presidents have been: Mrs. U. B. McCauldlish, Mrs. J. M. Davis, Mrs. William Rosenbloom, Mrs. Walter H. Hanna, Mrs. John P. Miller, Mrs. Lewis Engle, Mrs. Charles Friend, Mrs. Paul McCoy and Mrs. Burton E. Housley. Their present officers are: president, Mrs. John Clabaugh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Dillinger; treasurer, Mrs. John W. Fisher.

5. THE WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB OF CUMBERLAND was organized in 1909, federated in 1921, membership 102. Their aim: "The improvement of the moral, mental and physical in the community." Their motto: "In essentials, Unity; in non-essentials, Diversity; in all things, Charity." Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas was charter member and director. Their achievements have been many: Inaugurated garbage system; opened playgrounds; built tuberculosis hospital on Haystack Mountain; secured waiting room for patrons of electric railway; instrumental in obtaining milk inspector; cleanup day and pure water supply; furnished a room in

Y. M. C. A.; assisted county scholarship fund; helped girl scouts and crippled children; established a cancer clinic at Memorial Hospital; and educated a blind boy as a lawyer. They had representatives at all State and District meetings and contributed to all their interests. Past presidents have been: Mrs. Max Kamens, Mrs. J. W. S. Cochran, Mrs. Mary McCormack, Mrs. W. W. Hanley, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes, Mrs. Anna McCleeve, Mrs. John D. Roberts, Mrs. W. W. Brown and Mrs. F. H. Taylor.

6. THE CUMBERLAND WOMAN'S CLUB was organized in 1925 for the purpose of studying home making. Its motto: "Gain all the knowledge you can and use it for higher purpose." They did a splendid work and federated in 1929. They contributed to State and District work and furnished a District president in Mrs. William Claus. Their past presidents are: Mrs. William Claus, Mrs. E. O. Fritch and Mrs. Nellie W. Footer. Their club projects were: class in home hygiene; care of the sick; parliamentary law; assisting blind and crippled children; scrap books and materials for hospitals; kits for Perry Point; Christmas party for Salvation Army children; jellies made for Associated Charities; Red Cross and other interests.

In 1932 this club merged with the Civic Club and together they are working side by side with the District and State. They have furnished as members on the State Board, Mrs. A. N. Golladay and Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes. Mrs. Golladay deserves especial mention for her capable assistance at all times. Extra thanks are due her also for assistance given your historian. Past presidents of this club have been: Mrs. Frank H. Ankeney, Mrs. A. N. Golladay, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes and Mrs. H. T. Robinson. Present officers are: president, Mrs. J. W. Holmes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George W. Young; treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Ankeney.

7. THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF HAMPSTEAD was organized in 1928, federated in 1930, membership 32. Their purpose: "Cultural Development." Mrs. A. N. Ward and Mrs. Carroll Albaugh gave them the incentive to federate. They have brought prominent speakers into the community; participated in bi-centennial celebration; supported welfare work; engaged in educational activities and aided in many

programs of the State and District and also organized a Junior Club. An honorary contribution of \$100.00 to the State Scholarship Fund was made by Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, who also served as District president and vice-president of the State. Mrs. Homer L. Twigg is State treasurer and Mrs. G. Maurice Eberg is District secretary. Chairmen of committees have been: Miss Mary K. Stansbury, Mrs. Joseph Allender and Mrs. S. W. Cooper. Past presidents have been Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, Mrs. Jessie L. Hooper, Mrs. T. Haven Gill and Mrs. Homer L. Twigg. Present officers are: president, Mrs. Claude T. Yowell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. Maurice Eberg; treasurer, Mrs. Griffith Meredith. This club has a splendid record for such a short term of existence. They have actively participated in all District and State meetings and will be represented at the G. F. W. C. Convention at Atlantic City in May, 1941.

8. ALLEGANY COUNTY FEDERATION organized in 1913, joined the State Federation in 1915 and has a membership of five clubs. This is one of our pioneer units with an immense amount of work to its credit. Its object: "To unite the Women's Clubs of our county for mutual benefit and to promote their common interests in educational, sociological and philanthropic movements." They were the moving power years ago toward the establishment of county-wide health service. They cleaned up towns in the real sense of the word; accomplished big things in war work, child welfare, and Red Cross; established a scholarship fund to aid girls and boys in pursuing higher education, primarily at Frostburg State Teachers College, though not limited to this institution. They have furnished a number of State and District officers and chairmen. Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas was awarded the District Pioneer Woman's Badge for service. She has also served as State director, historian and on budget committee. Presidents of this club have been: Mrs. Robert Henderson, Miss Anne M. Sloan, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd Lowndes, Mrs. J. B. Cobey, Miss Margaret Baker, Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas, Mrs. Arthur F. Smith, Mrs. Ralph Bretz, Mrs. Lloyd B. Shaw and Mrs. Mark Roe. Present officers are: president, Mrs. Burton Housley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. H. Dunkle; and treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Laughlin.

9. THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF SYKESVILLE was organized in 1937 to, "Create a closer bond of fellowship among the community women in civic and cultural fields." Mrs. J. M. DeLashmutt was the organizer and first president. Mrs. William D. Shipley now holds that office. They have contributed to cancer fund, student loan, penny art, welfare and other Federation drives. Mrs. DeLashmutt contributed the prizes for one year for arts and crafts contests. They entered a float representing the Freedom of Conscience in the Carroll County Centennial Pageant in 1937. Evergreens used on the float were later presented to the Sykesville school to be planted on their grounds. They started a library in the school for both the school and community; sponsored a kindergarten and story hour through the summer months; created a keener interest in gardens and flower shows; encouraged art exhibits and musical programs, and created a serious desire to establish a community club house and they now feel that the realization of this dream is well on the way. This club has endeavored to foster the best interests of the Federation and the following members have served as District chairmen: Mrs. George Banks, Mrs. William A. Lawson, Jr., and Mrs. J. M. DeLashmutt. The officers are: president, Mrs. William S. Shipley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jonathan Dorsey; treasurer, Mrs. William A. Lawson.

10. THE WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF FROSTBURG was organized in 1930, federated in 1932, membership 39. Mrs. D. A. Benson has been the faithful president through all these years. The District meeting of October, 1925 was held in Frostburg and all will remember the splendid hospitality extended. They furnished a District treasurer, Mrs. Roland Lammert and the following have acted as District chairmen: Miss Grace Shaffer, Mrs. John Dunkel, Miss Mamie Hocking, Mrs. J. Glenn Beal and Mrs. Paul Kitchens. They have done splendid things for the improvement of their community and their influence is felt in an ever widening sphere. They help in the work of the welfare nurse, scouting and crippled children. Their officers are: president, Mrs. D. A. Benson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Y. Borden; treasurer, Miss Louise Shaffer.

11. THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER was organized

in 1911 by Mrs. J. P. Wantz, Sr., who served for thirty years as its efficient secretary and who held the following positions on the State Board: Director (representative before District was formed) 1929-1932; Chairman of Library Extension, and served on the Education and Music committees, federated in 1913, membership 35. Its purpose, "The individual development of members and promotion of what leads to the betterment of life in the home, church, school and community." This club has been hostess to four annual meetings and two executive meetings, has entertained General Federation presidents, Mrs. John F. Sippel and Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, all of the State presidents, all of the District presidents and many State and District chairmen. They have backed every community project, war, high school; helped the library for years; given lectures, musicals, plays, antique exhibit for benefit of two interests, playground and welfare work; have fostered music week, book week, boys' week, gardens, better speech, needle workers' guild, and all kinds of philanthropic work. They have furnished presidents and secretaries for Civic League, Children's Aid, Home Makers and Parent-Teachers Associations. They have had five members on State Boards, Mrs. J. P. Wantz, Jr., Mrs. Frank W. Mather, Mrs. C. O. Clemson, Mrs. Homer L. Twigg and Mrs. George K. Mather, to which list we are proud to add, Junior Membership chairman, Mrs. D. H. Taylor, who is also a choir director, soloist and leader of a Woman's Octette. Mrs. Wantz served as the first District secretary and Mrs. A. Norman Ward was a District president; Mrs. Russell Schaeffer, Mrs. Carlos Crawford and Mrs. S. B. Schofield all served as District treasurers; Mrs. F. M. Stover as corresponding secretary, and Mrs. George K. Mather as press correspondent. Others serving as committee chairmen in the District were: Mrs. Carroll Albaugh, Mrs. M. S. H. Unger, Mrs. J. P. Wantz, Mrs. Martha Shaw, Mrs. S. B. Schofield, Mrs. Frank W. Mather, Mrs. C. O. Clemson, Mrs. A. N. Ward, Mrs. F. G. Holloway, Mrs. George K. Mather, and Mrs. Jesse S. Myers.

Mrs. M. S. H. Unger organized the Junior Woman's Club which has never federated but deserved especial mention for its accomplishments. Mrs. Martha Shaw is town

librarian and Miss Evelyn Mather, assistant. Miss Mather succeeded her mother, Mrs. George K. Mather, as chairman of County Red Cross Production and is also a choir director and was soloist at the State Convention in 1939. This club excelled in war work, helping to organize all branches of it in the community; two of its members served on the Council of Defense, another was active in Red Cross, putting on eleven roll calls and acting as chairman of production for the county, another is chairman for sale of tuberculosis seals. Mrs. C. O. Clemson is on the State Democratic Committee and Mrs. Martha Shaw on the Republican Committee. Mrs. C. E. Forlines was the first woman to become a member of the school board. Five of its members have served for years on the board of the Methodist Church Home. This club helped bring local option to the county; contributed for years toward the High School Year Book and gave prizes of \$5.00 each to the boy or girl winning the declamation contest. One member served on the committee to purchase an ambulance, another on the committee of the George Washington Bi-Centennial Celebration, another on the committee helping to get the fine new high school. Mrs. L. C. Burns was Duchess of Carroll county at the Tercentenary in 1934 held at the Baltimore Stadium. The club contributed towards Mrs. Sippel's campaign, to the Margaret Brent project at College Park, to the Federation fund raised in honor of Mrs. Hoadley, to Foundation and other funds, to various gifts presented to retiring State presidents and toward the expenses of entertaining the General Federation at College Park. At the Jubilee Luncheon of the Club, bronze pioneer medals were presented to its charter members, Mrs. C. S. Billingslea, Mrs. W. R. McDaniel, Mrs. J. P. Wantz, Sr., and Mrs. A. K. Mather. Mrs. W. R. McDaniel was honored for outstanding work.

Several members have written stories, three of its members write verses, one wrote the Birthday pageant for the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Federation, and many original papers have been written on a wide variety of topics. One of its members is active in the Little Theatre movement, another is Regent in the D. A. R. They were represented at the State and District Federation

meeting at the Eastern Council Quinquennial and other special events, and four will attend the General Federation Convention at Atlantic City. One State president said she thought, "This club was not afraid to undertake anything in the heavens above, the earth beneath or the waters under the earth." So they have tried to live up to her challenge. Those in office now are Mrs. Samuel B. Schofield, president; Mrs. John Lynch and Mrs. Arthur S. Scott; Mrs. Landon Burns, recording secretary; Mrs. Clifford Taylor, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Frank W. Mather, treasurer.

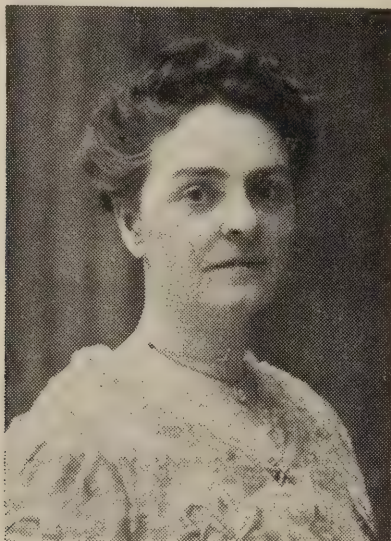
MILWAUKEE DELEGATE'S CLUB was organized in May, 1940, membership 15, federated 1941. An entirely new and unique club joined Northern District for this year. The Milwaukee Delegate's Club which consists of nine members who went from Maryland to G. F. W. C. convention at Milwaukee in May, 1940 plus three who attended the San Francisco convention in 1939, plus four officers who did not attend either convention but were interested. This club decided to join the Federation through First District and then pass on to each District in rotation. The club now numbers sixteen, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, Mrs. Mildred Kahler Geare, Mrs. Martin F. Sloan, President Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Vice-President Mrs. John A. Price, Secretary, Mrs. John T. Holt, Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Farley, Mrs. Upton Nourse, Mrs. Howard Kroh, Mrs. George A. Hax, Mrs. Clyde Hall, Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, Mrs. Ira J. Poole, Mrs. Harry T. Cottman, Jr., Mrs. Alfred T. Truitt.

OUR PIONEERS

Three women were honored as pioneers in the District.

(1) Mrs. Robert McDonald (deceased). She was voted as one of its outstanding women in recognition of her splendid work as a club woman. A charter member of the Women's Civic Club of Cumberland, at no time its president, but always a dynamic force in its accomplishments and projects and especially interested in philanthropic work; chairman for a long period for the sale of tuberculosis seals; chairman of a committee which maintained a tuberculosis sanitarium for many years until the State

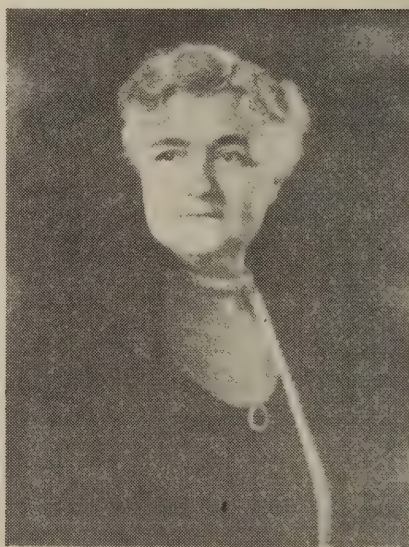
HONORED AS DISTRICT PIONEERS



MRS. ROBERT MACDONALD
Deceased



MRS. GEORGE K. MATHER
Leadership



MRS. J. W. AVIRETT-THOMAS
Service

took it over. To this interest she gave liberally of her time and money. As a club woman she measured up to its opportunities with high honors for her club and community. She was ever ready to respond to any call for help. She died in November, 1938.

The tribute was written by Mrs. H. T. Robinson, past president Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland.

(2) Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas, a charming personality, ready wit and tact. A far reaching influence, with keen interest in the state and civil life. A charter member of Cumberland Civic Club and a Director of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. Awarded the club Pioneer Woman's medal and also the medal for First District's pioneer for service. Maryland director to the G. F. W. C., historian for M. F. W. C. for Mrs. Hoadley's administration, member State Library Commission, founder of Allegany County Historical Society, member San Antonio Club and Delegates Club of Kansas City. She has participated in all State, city and church activities, holding important positions in each. Appointed by Gov. Ritchie as a chairman of the Maryland Tercentenary, chairman of the Cumberland celebration of the George Washington Bi-Centennial. As mistress of "Rose Hill" the oldest brick house in Cumberland, she has extended her gracious hospitality to many distinguished persons of the State and nation.

The tribute was written by Mrs. A. N. Golladay, Vice-president Northern District.

(3) Mrs. George K. Mather, a tactful and forceful executive, a gracious hostess and an extensive traveler, charter member of Woman's Club of Westminster, was its president for several terms, has held other offices, has been chairman of its different divisions and was awarded a Pioneer woman's bronze medal. In the District Federation she has an almost perfect record of attendance, has held offices, substituted many times on its programs and was awarded the Pioneer woman's silver medal for leadership. When holding the State office of chairman of Conventions she wrote a "Call to Conventions" which was copied by another State Magazine. Member of Board of Managers of M. P. Church Home since its creation and has been secretary for a number of years. Has been active in State,

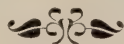
local and church activities. Helped organize and has held office in the Parent-Teacher Association, Child Welfare, Home Makers, town's Christmas tree and treat, playgrounds, Civic League, which under her leadership, planted the first mile of memorial trees in the U. S. Collected funds and conducted the first fly campaign in the town, gave the first garbage can, was a committee of one to beautify the grounds of the new armory. Was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Council of Defense, but resigned to accept the chairmanship of Red Cross production for the County. Put on eleven Roll Calls besides serving on different war work committees for which she was commended by the Governor and by the National Chairman of the Red Cross. She has also served as its secretary, press correspondent and still uses her home as distributing center of Red Cross material. Has always been deeply interested in the town library, its schools and churches.

The tribute was written by Mrs. S. B. Schofield, President Westminster Woman's Club.

This brings the history of Northern District up to the annual meeting of April 4, 1941. We have endeavored to give a word picture of those women and clubs who are carrying on the work. All honor to those who have blazed the trail, all honor to those who are shouldering the tasks and we trust that greater honors will yet come to those who will unfold to us the future!

Hail the hero workers of the mighty past;
They whose labor builded all the things that last;
Thoughts of wisest meaning, deeds of noblest right,
Patient toil in weakness, struggle in the night.

Hail ye hero workers, ye who yet shall come;
When to this world's calling all our lips are dumb.
Ye shall build more nobly, if our work is true,
As we pass life's treasure on from old to new.



Member Clubs, May, 1940-1941

FREDERICK CIVIC CLUB

Organized 1911—Joined State Federation 1912

President—Mrs. Calvin E. Schildknecht

THE FREDERICK JUNIOR CIVIC CLUB

Organized 1939—Joined State Federation 1939

President—Miss Anna May Wilson

OAKLAND CIVIC CLUB

Organized 1911—Joined State Federation 1916

President—Mrs. E. Z. Tower

WESTERNPORT AND LUKE CIVIC CLUB

Organized 1913—Joined State Federation 1923

President—Mrs. John Clabaugh

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB OF CUMBERLAND

Organized 1932—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. J. W. Holmes

WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF FROSTBURG

Organized 1930—Joined State Federation 1935

President—Mrs. D. A. Benson

WOMAN'S CLUB OF HAMPSTEAD

Organized 1928—Joined State Federation 1930

President—Mrs. Claude L. Yowell

WOMAN'S CLUB OF SYKESVILLE

Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1937

President—Mrs. Wm. S. Shipley

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTMINSTER

Organized 1911—Joined State Federation 1913

President—Mrs. Samuel B. Schofield

MILWAUKEE DELEGATES CLUB

Organized 1941—Joined State Federation 1941

President—Mrs. Martin F. Sloan

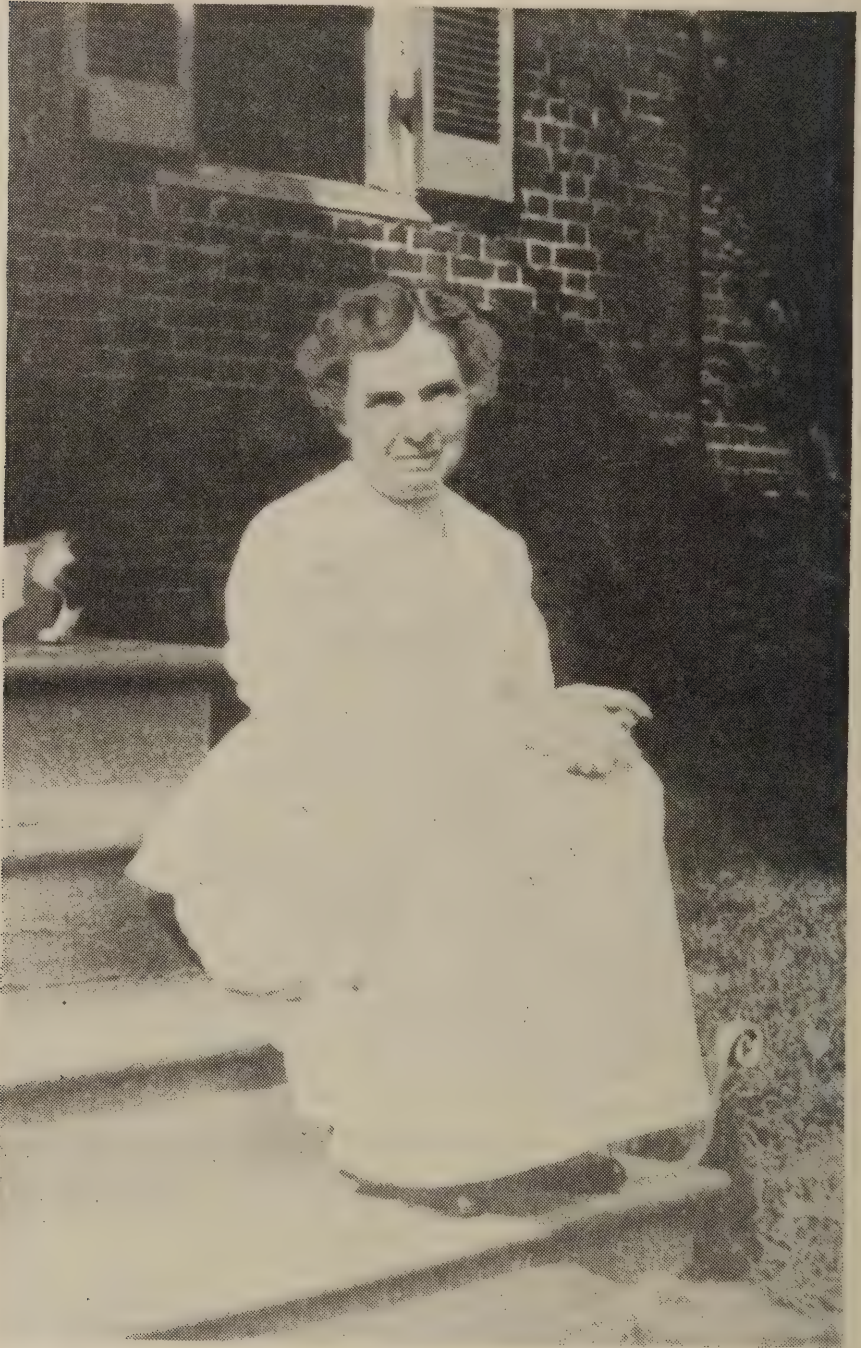
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ALLEGANY COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Organized 1913—Joined State Federation 1915

President—Mrs. Burton Housely

THE EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
FIRST PRESIDENT 1921-1925



MRS. ANDREW A. HATHAWAY *

President of the Current Event Club of Easton

* Deceased August 10, 1926.

THE EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
(CECIL, KENT, QUEEN ANNE, TALBOT, CAROLINE, DORCHESTER,
WICOMICO, SOMERSET AND WORCESTER COUNTIES)



MRS. SAMUEL L. BYRN
President of the Cambridge Woman's Club, 1925-1927
President of the Dorchester County Federation, 1923-1925
District President, 1939

A TOAST TO OUR *AIN COUNTREE*

By MARIA LOUISE ELLEGOOD

Note—This poem formed the closing lines of a booklet, "A Sketch of the Early History of Wicomico County and Salisbury, Maryland" by Maria Louise Ellegood. It was published in 1923.

Here's to the land where the Evergreens grow
In the Summer's Sun and the Winter's Snow.
Here's to the Land where the Oyster thrives,
Where the Terrapin crawls and the Wild Duck flies;
Where the Crab abounds in Chesapeake Waters
The pride of Maryland's Sons and Daughters.
Here's to the Land where Skies are Bluest,
Home-ties are Strongest; Hearts are Trueest.
Here's to the Land of Legend and Lore,
The dear *Homeland*—The Eastern Shore.

The Eastern Shore District

By MARIA LOUISE ELLEGOOD, *Historian*

The longer one lives the more apparent becomes the truth of well begun is half done. The Eastern Shore District of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs was "well begun" twenty years ago by the officers of the Charter-Member-Clubs, assisted by Mrs. Francis Sanderson, president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs at that time.

Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, president of the Current Events Club of Easton, invited all of the organized Women's Clubs of the Eastern Shore to meet with the hostess club, November 30, 1921 for organization. Mrs. Hathaway was elected president of the District at this meeting. From that time on the District has functioned continuously and successfully as The Eastern Shore District of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

The history which follows is given in tabloid form for ready reference. It is not complete for lack of time and space. The high spots with dates and the names of those who reached the heights are listed as far as the limits for research could locate them, but, it will be readily seen that in between lie many lovely valleys made pleasant and fruitful by countless club women who have carried on valiantly through these historic years.

A list of those who have contributed to district accomplishments would include all of the individual club women, and all of the official club women of the district, who have served during the ten district administrations, as well as a long list of those who have been members of the State Board of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. The district is very proud of its most distinguished club woman, Mrs. Harry L. Harcum of Salisbury, who will retire this spring after a constructive administration as president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs for three years, 1938-1941.

To the district and club secretaries and to the district reporters for *The Maryland Club Woman*, I make my bow of appreciation and gratitude. Through their careful secretarial work the collection of these data has been made possible.

Snapshots of History of The Eastern Shore District

ORGANIZATION

November 30, 1921 at Easton by invitation of the Current Events Club (Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, president), The Eastern Shore District of the Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs was organized under the direction of Mrs. Francis Sanderson, president M. F. W. C.

OBJECT

The object of the federation was "a closer unity of interests among the clubs composing the organization for the purpose of mutual benefit and community improvement."

CHARTER MEMBER CLUBS, NOVEMBER, 1921

Current Event Club, Easton, Maryland

Woman's Club of Elkton, Elkton, Maryland

Caroline County Federation of Woman's Clubs, Denton, Maryland

Woman's Club of Federalsburg

Woman's Literary Club of St. Michaels

Woman's Club of Cambridge

Woman's Club of Hurlock

NEW CLUBS ENTERED LATER IN 1921

Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury

The Federalsburg Community Club

The Community Club of Liberty Grove

The Woman's Club of Worcester County.

FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT HURLOCK

Mrs. Francis Sanderson, president M. F. W. C. and organizer of the Eastern Shore District, presided. Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, president of the Current Event Club of Easton, was elected first president of the Eastern Shore District. Voting representation allowed at District meetings was the president of each club and one delegate for every ten members of the club. Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent of Education, made the first address at the first semi-annual Eastern Shore District meeting held May 17, 1922 at Hurlock. Mrs. Glover was president of the Hurlock hostess Club.

PRESIDENTS

1921-1925

Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, Current Event Club, Easton, elected November 30, 1921 at Easton, Md. Mrs. Hathaway was president of the hostess club, Easton.

1925-1928

Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, elected October 29, 1925 at Snow Hill. Mrs. John L. Robbins was president of the hostess club, Snow Hill.

1928-1929

Mrs. Roger W. Lankford, Woman's Club of Pocomoke, elected May 24, 1928 at Denton. Resigned soon after due to illness. Mrs. D. W. Davis was president of the hostess club.

1929-1932

Mrs. Alphonso Boley, Woman's Literary Club, Royal Oak, appointed by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Lankford, was made president at an Executive Board meeting held at St. Michaels. Mrs. Boley was president of the St. Michaels Club. Mrs. Alphonso Boley, Woman's Literary Club, Royal Oak, elected at Cambridge May 15, 1930. Mrs. W. T. Sibbet was president of the hostess club.

1932-1936

Miss Florence Monk, Community Club, Greensboro, elected May 19, 1932 at Pocomoke City, president of the hostess club was Mrs. Roger Lankford. Miss Monk elected for a second term May 3, 1934 at Elkton. Mrs. Sidney H. Dixon was president of the hostess club.

1936-1938

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, elected May 7, 1936 at Chesapeake City. Resigned April 29, 1938, having been elected president of the Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs at the State Meeting in Baltimore, April 11-13, 1938. Mrs. Ada M. Benson was president of the hostess club, Chesapeake City, May 7, 1936.

1938-1939

Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, Woman's Club of Hurlock, was elected April 29, 1938 at Cambridge to fill the unexpired

term of Mrs. Harcum. Mrs. W. C. Conover was president of the hostess club, Cambridge, April 29, 1938.

1939—

Mrs. Samuel J. Byrn, Woman's Club, Cambridge, elected April 20, 1939 at Hurlock. Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley was president of the hostess club, Hurlock, April 20, 1939.

DELEGATES REPORT G. F. W. C. MEETINGS

Mrs. T. E. Martindale—Delegate from Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury to the sixth Biennial Convention of Federated Woman's Clubs held at Chautauqua, New York, June, 1922. Reported at the Eastern Shore District meeting at Elkton, October 5, 1922.

Mrs. J. S. Taylor—Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, delegate to the Triennial held in Detroit, Michigan in 1935.

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum—Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, delegate to Council meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1937.

Mrs. Wilmer Fell Davis—Woman's Club of Federalburg, delegate to the Triennial at Kansas City, Missouri, 1938.

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum—Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, delegate to the Council meeting at San Francisco, California, 1939.

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum—Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, delegate to Council meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1940.

G. F. W. C. PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

SEMI-ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETINGS

Mrs. John F. Sippel—"Making Better Homes" at Salisbury, March 17, 1931

Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole—"Building For A Day" at Hurlock, November 1, 1934

Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson—"Education for Living" at Salisbury, November 12, 1936

M. F. W. C. PRESIDENTS ADDRESS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Frances Sanderson

Mrs. John F. Sippel

Mrs. John L. Alcock

Mrs. John L. Whitehurst

Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen
Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley
Mrs. Harry L. Harcum

OTHER ADDRESSES GIVEN BY PROMINENT SPEAKERS
AT EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT FEDERATION

Dr. Albert S. Cook, Maryland State Superintendent of Education

Mrs. Daniel Miller, of Baltimore, spoke at the Elkton meeting, October 5, 1922 on the purchase of General Federation Headquarters Building in Washington, sponsored by all the Woman's Clubs in the United States, to which The Eastern Shore District later paid its quota.

Mrs. John W. Garrett (Baltimore)—“Fine Arts”

Mrs. Lewis R. Dick (Philadelphia)—Readings from the poems of Vachel Lindsay

Mrs. Sanderson (Baltimore), honorary president, Maryland Federation Woman's Clubs and organizer of the Eastern Shore District

Mrs. Lucia Pym Branch, of England, spoke for “The American Peace Society”

Dr. Ella Lonn, professor of physics, Goucher College, Baltimore.

Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Denton

Miss Lavina Engle, League of Women Voters

Miss Florence Monk, Greensboro—“Fine Arts”

Mrs. John F. Sippel (Baltimore), president, Maryland Federation Woman's Clubs

Mrs. Ida M. Starr (Easton)—“Musical Appreciation”

Mr. Carl Monsees (Salisbury)—“The Delmarva Peninsula”

Prof. James A. Barkley—“The International Mind”

Rev. R. A. Boyle (Salisbury)—“The Progress of Women”

Mrs. John L. Alcock (Baltimore)—“The Foundation Fund”

Mrs. James B. Noble (Cambridge)—“Club Institutes”

Mrs. Walter Sheppard (Salisbury)—“Club Institutes”

Miss Florence Monk (Denton)—“Club Institutes”

Mrs. Grady Powell (Pocomoke)—“Club Institutes”

Mrs. Edward Fripp—“Club Institutes”

- Mrs. Henry M. Robert, Jr.—“Parliamentary Law”
- Mrs. Matthew Gault (Baltimore)—
- Mr. James Beverage (Tome School Faculty, Port Deposit)
“Cecil County under the Calverts”
- Prof. Wilfred A. Beardsley (Head of Romance Language
Department of Goucher College)—“A Plea for In-
ternational Understanding”
- Rev. R. B. Matthews—“Women in the Modern World”
- Mrs. Rudolph Allen, president, Maryland Federation
Woman’s Clubs—“Build for Better Citizenship”
- Mrs. Calvin Gabriel
- Mrs. Paul Criblet (Baltimore)—Lecture Recital “Parsi-
fal”
- Rev. Francis W. Kirwan—“The Effect of Modernism on
Literature”
- Dr. Gilbert Wilcox Mead, president, Washington College,
Chestertown
- Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Congressman from Sixth Dis-
trict—“Old Age Pension Legislation”
- Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, president, General Federation
Woman’s Clubs—“Building for a Day”
- Rev. F. W. Kirwan—“Democracy Depends on Culture for
Success”
- Miss Margaret Lewis, field director of the American Red
Cross
- Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, president, Maryland Federation
Woman’s Clubs
- Miss Jessie L. Snow—“Collective Security and World
Peace”
- Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, president, Maryland Federation
Woman’s Clubs—“Government in Education”
- Mrs. Roberta Lawson, president, General Federation
Woman’s Clubs—“Education for Living”
- Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, president, Maryland Federation
Woman’s Clubs—“Our State Federation”
- Mrs. Luther B. Benton—“Art in Everyday Living”
- Mrs. John F. Sippel, past president, Maryland Federation
Woman’s Clubs and past president General Feder-
ation Woman’s Clubs—“Our General Federation”
- Mrs. Florence Lloyd Holman, State Art Director—“Na-
tional Art Week”

- Brig.-Gen. A. W. W. Woodcock (Salisbury)—“Peace”
- Mrs. Wilmer Fell Davis (Federalburg)—“Echoes of the Kansas City Convention”
- Mrs. Harry L. Harcum (Salisbury) president, Maryland Federation Woman’s Clubs—“Vital Opportunities for Cooperation”
- Mrs. John L. Whitehurst (Baltimore) past president, Maryland Federation Woman’s Clubs and first vice-president, General Federation Woman’s Clubs—“Democracy in a Changing World”
- Mr. Folger McKinsey (Baltimore) “The Bentztown Bard” in his home town, Elkton, read a group of his own poems.
- Mrs. Hester Beale Provenson (Speech Department, University of Maryland)—
- Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley—“The General Federation Woman’s Club South American Tour”
- Rev. Frank Lambert (Cambridge)—“What the Christian Church Can Do in Time of Crisis”
- Dr. Esther M. Dole, professor of history, Washington College, Chestertown—“International Relations”
- Dr. L. A. Rademaker (Salisbury)—“Cancer Control”

LIST OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS OF EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT

ORGANIZATION MEETING—Easton, November 30, 1927—
Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, president of the Easton Current Event Club, hostess.

(1) Hurlock—May 17, 1922

Mrs. R. Lee Glover, President, Hurlock Woman’s Club, hostess

Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, District President presiding

(2) Elkton—October 5, 1922

Mrs. Robert C. Lewis, President, Elkton Woman’s Club, hostess

Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, President, Eastern Shore District, presiding

(3) Salisbury—April 12, 1923

Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, President, Wicomico Woman’s Club, hostess

- Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, President of District, presiding
- (4) Federalsburg—October 10, 1923
Mrs. Fernandez Davis, President, hostess
Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, District President, presiding.
- (5) Cambridge—May 8, 1924
Mrs. John E. Groff, President, hostess
Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, District President, presiding
- (6) Princess Anne—October 16, 1924
Mrs. Ralph P. Thompson, President, Shoreland Club
Mrs. John L. Robins, District Vice-President, presided in Mrs. Hathaway's absence.
- (7) Denton—May 20, 1925
Mrs. L. J. Walz, President, Caroline County Federation Woman's Clubs
Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, District President
- (8) Snow Hill—October 29, 1925
Mrs. John L. Robins, President, Woman's Club of Worcester County
Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, District President
- (9) Easton—May 13, 1926
Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, President, Current Event Club
Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, District President
- (10) Salisbury—October 28, 1926
Wicomico Woman's Club, Mrs. George R. Cobb, President
Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, District President
- (11) Vienna—May 12, 1927
Mrs. Lambkin, President, Vienna Woman's Club
Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, District President
- (12) Elkton—October 11, 1927
Mrs. H. D. McCullough, President, Woman's Club of Elkton
Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, District President
- (13) Denton—May 24, 1928
Mrs. D. W. Davis, President, Denton Club
Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard, District President
- (14) Greensboro—October 25, 1928

- Mrs. L. Irving Jones, President, Greensboro Club
Mrs. Roger W. Lankford, District President
- (15) St. Michaels—May 16, 1929
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, President, Woman's Club of St. Michaels
Mrs. Roger W. Lankford, District President
- (16) Berlin—October 17, 1929
Miss Clara Derickson, President, Worcester County Woman's Club
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, District President
- (17) Cambridge—May 15, 1930
Mrs. W. T. Sibley, President, Woman's Club of Cambridge
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, District President
- (18) Federalsburg—October 23, 1930
Mrs. Jerome Jefferson, President, Woman's Club of Federalsburg
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, District President
- (19) Port Deposit—May 7, 1931
Miss Alice Miller, President, Woman's Club of Port Deposit
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, District President
- (20) East New Market—October 22, 1931
Mrs. O. W. McWilliams, President, Woman's Club of East New Market
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, District President
- (21) Pocomoke—May 19, 1932
Mrs. Roger Lankford, President, Woman's Club of Pocomoke City
Mrs. Alfonso Boley, District President
- (22) Ridgely—November 10, 1932
Miss Beatrice Bowers, President, Woman's Club of Ridgely
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (23) Denton—May 4, 1933
Mrs. William T. Wolf, President, Denton Woman's Club
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (24) Salisbury—November 10, 1933
Mrs. T. J. Caruthers, President, Wicomico Woman's Club
Miss Florence Monk, District President

- (25) Elkton—May 3, 1924
Mrs. Sidney H. Dickson, President, Woman's Club of
Elkton
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (26) Hurlock—November 1, 1934
Miss Caroline M. Barker, President, Woman's Club of
Hurlock
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (27) Snow Hill—April 25, 1935
Mrs. Harry T. Covington, President, Snow Hill Club
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (28) Ridgely—November 14, 1935
Mrs. J. Frank Flounders, President, Hostess Club
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (29) Chesapeake City—May 7, 1936
Mrs. Ada M. Benson, President, Hostess Club
Miss Florence Monk, District President
- (30) Salisbury—November 12, 1936
Mrs. Milton L. Pope, President, Wicomico Woman's
Club
Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, District President
- (31) Princess Anne—May 15, 1937
Mrs. H. C. Dashiell, President, Shoreland Club
Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, District President
- (32) Denton—November 4, 1937
Mrs. D. Wilson Davis, President, Community Club
Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, District President
- (33) Cambridge—April 29, 1938
Mrs. W. C. Conover, President, Cambridge Woman's
Club
Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, District President
- (34) Centreville—November 3, 1938
Mrs. A. A. Dewing, President, Centreville Woman's
Club
Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, District President
- (35) Hurlock—April 20, 1939
Mrs. P. S. Richardson, President, Hurlock Woman's
Club
Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, District President

(36) Elkton—November 2, 1939

Mrs. James Hughes, President, Elkton Woman's Club

Mrs. Samuel L. Byrn, District President

(37) Pocomoke City—April 18, 1940

Mrs. Cassell C. Hall, President, Pocomoke City Woman's Club

Mrs. Samuel L. Byrn, District President

(38) Chestertown—November 8, 1940

Eastern Shore District Board were the hostesses at William Smith Hall, Washington College, as there is no Woman's Club in Chestertown.

(39) Salisbury—April 17, 1941

Mrs. John Price, President, Wicomico Woman's Club

Mrs. Samuel L. Byrn, District President

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AT SEMI-ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETINGS

Education, Peace, Fine Arts—(Music, Painting, Drama, Poetry), American Homes, Public Welfare, Legislation (Local, State and Federal), Community Singing, State Forest Conservation, Junior Clubs, Club Institutes, Little Theatre Movement, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Prohibition, Infant Mortality, Child Welfare, Cancer Control, Public School System, International Relations, Work for Disabled Veterans, Gardening and Roadside Improvements, Club Institutes, Local and State Governments, Local, District, State and General Federation History.

PAPERS ON LOCAL HISTORY WRITTEN FOR AND READ AT DISTRICT FEDERATION

“Snow Hill in Early Days” by Miss Lulie Covington, Snow Hill—October 29, 1925.

“A Little Gossip Concerning Vienna” by Miss Elizabeth Craft, Vienna—May 12, 1927.

“Glimpses of Elkton's Colonial Past” by Mrs. C. M. Boulden, Elkton—October 11, 1927.

“History of Caroline County” by Mrs. Harry Ramsdel, Denton—May 24, 1928.

“History of Berlin” by Mrs. Harry Purnell, Berlin—October 17, 1929.

“History of Hytheham Club” by Mrs. Charlotte Newell,

Port Deposit—May 7, 1931.

“Historical Sketch of East New Market” by Mrs. J. A. Baker, East New Market—October 22, 1931.

“History of Pocomoke” by Miss Esther Dryden, Pocomoke City—May 19, 1932.

“Salisbury—Past and Present” by Miss Maria Ellegood, Salisbury—November 12, 1936.

“Old Somerset” by Miss Ray Stewart, Princess Anne—May 13, 1937.

SPECIAL FEATURES

(1) Original, very clever “skits” were presented by individual clubs as a novelty in reporting the outstanding achievements for the year’s work. In other words, the high spots were dramatized and presented in a five-minute act at some of the District meetings.

(2) Special editions of local papers have been published where the semi-annual District meetings were held. These featured especially Woman’s Club work with goals set and reached.

(3) A historical pageant, “Women of Maryland”, was beautifully dramatized and presented by the Woman’s Club of Elkton, November 2, 1939 in the administration of Mrs. S. L. Byrn (Cambridge) as District president.

CHARACTERS

Henrietta Maria	-----	Mrs. Samuel J. Jenness
Lady Baltimore	-----	Mrs. John R. Burkley
Margaret Brent	-----	Mrs. Thomas Dutcher
Mary Brent Kittamund	-----	Miss Mary Albinson
Kitty Knight	-----	Mrs. J. A. Wolever
Modern Club Woman	-----	Mrs. James W. Hughes

(4) Seventeen members from the Eastern Shore District attended the Tri-ennial Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, May, 1938, and enthusiastically endorsed Mrs. John L. Whitehurst of Baltimore, formerly president of the Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs, for the first vice-president of the General Federation. The Eastern Shore District, with the rest of the State, feels proud that again one of Maryland’s fair daughters is to be General Federation president.

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The "Clara Benson Boley Memorial Student Loan," to assist undergraduate college girls to further pursue their education, was founded April 24, 1935 at the Snow Hill semi-annual District meeting, while Miss Florence Monk of the Community Club of Greensboro was District president. It was organized and is maintained by the Eastern Shore District in recognition and appreciation of the excellent and untiring activities of Mrs. Boley in and for the Eastern Shore District.

With Mrs. Hathaway of the Easton Club, Miss Mary Jamar of the Elkton Club and others of the district, Mrs. Boley was one of the very active founders of the District Federation in 1921 and until the time of her death, February 22, 1935, she held State and District offices of honor. From May, 1929 to May, 1932 she was president of the District. At the State meeting in Baltimore in 1932, Mrs. Boley led the Eastern Shore women in their plea to retain the treasured name of "The Eastern Shore District" instead of being called by a mere numeral. While president, Mrs. Boley presented to the District a gavel made from a cherry tree planted by her father at the Homestead the day she was born. A wind storm blew the tree down in 1932. Mrs. Boley had this historic and treasured wood made up in various ways for preservation.

At the Hurlock meeting, April 20, 1939, Mrs. E. F. Bradley, District president, used the gavel, which had been recently engraved—"A gift to the Eastern Shore District of Maryland Federation Woman's Clubs from Clara Benson Boley and presented by her to the District at Pocomoke City, May, 1932."

To "The Clara Benson Boley Student Loan Fund" the Eastern Shore District has contributed \$616.52, and Mr. Boley's will bequeathed \$500.00 to the fund, making a total to date of \$1116.52.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF MERIT

1926

(1) State Prize Song "Our Pledge" written by Miss Minnie Hicks of Kent County. "Our Pledge" was sung by

ninety three (93) Maryland club women under the direction of Mrs. J. Cleveland Smith of Easton, at the General Federation meeting held at Atlantic City, N. J. in June, 1926 and won first honors among all the State songs. This was during the administration of Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard of the Wicomico Woman's Club.

(2) The District was given the honor of naming the State Scholarship Fund because of its outstanding contributions to the Fund.

At the semi-annual meeting at Easton, May 13, 1926, while Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard was District president, the name of "Bettie Sippel Loan Scholarship Fund" was chosen by the District as a token of esteem for the beloved and able State president, Mrs. John F. Sippel.

1927

(3) Mrs. J. C. Ledbetter, (Greensboro Community Club), won the State and National Prize for a song "Bookland." It was proposed to use this song as a national feature in the Children's Book Week. This was also during Mrs. Sheppard's administration.

1928

(4) In May, 1928, the Greensboro Club received a \$50.00 award from the General Federation in a contest for "Best Book Week," during Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard's administration.

1929-1930

(5) In 1929 the Eastern Shore District took the State prize of \$25.00 for Club Extension while Mrs. Roger Lankford of the Pocomoke City Woman's Club was District president.

1930-31-32

(6) For three successive years, 1930-'31-'32, the Treble Clef Choral Club of the Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, won the State Prize of \$25.00 for club choral singing.

Mrs. Francis H. Dryden, Director.

Mrs. Wm. B. Tilghman, Jr., Accompanist.

This was during the administration of Miss Florence Monk.

1933-34

(7) The Caroline County Federation of Women's Clubs and the Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury received state recognition for art exhibits in and celebration of National Art Week in their local clubs during Miss Monk's second term as District president.

(8) The Woman's Club of Federalsburg was commended by the National Red Cross for its active and splendid relief work in the Federalsburg flood disaster in 1935, also during Miss Florence Monk's second term as District president.

1935

(9) Mrs. David Scott Frazer, (Woman's Club of Elkton), won first prize given by Mrs. Rudolph Allen, President of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, for the best fifty-word definition of "The Ideal Woman," during Miss Monk's second term as District president.

(10) Mrs. Roberta Craig, (Hytheham Club, Port Deposit), won the prize for sculpture in the Fine-Arts Contest for her sculptured "Field Mice" book-ends, also during Miss Monk's administration.

1936

(11) Miss Corinne Jamar (Woman's Club of Elkton), in the Fine Arts Contest, won second prize for the best work of art, a miniature portrait, during Mrs. Harry L. Harcum's administration as District President.

(12) Miss Edna Bentley Hancock, (Woman's Club, Pocomoke City), and Mrs. Elijah Nostrand, (Current Event Club, Easton), tied for first prize given for the best original words with original music for District Songs, during Mrs. Harcum's administration.

(13) Mrs. David Scott Frazer, (Woman's Club, Elkton), won first prize for the Best Short Story, also during Mrs. Harcum's administration.

(14) In 1937, while Mrs. Harry L. Harcum was president of the Eastern Shore District and early in the administration of Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, president, G. F. W. C.,

“Cancer Control” was accepted by the Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs as a major project for the Maryland club women.

A “Dime Collection” Plan was adopted that year, which resulted in Maryland leading all other states of the Union during the first year of this work. The Eastern Shore District of Maryland Federation Women’s Clubs not only went over the top in this, but led the work of the combined other five Districts of the State and for this received recognition of merit.

In 1938 the Maryland Branch of the Women’s Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer was organized with the cooperation of the Maryland Federation Women’s Clubs. Maryland club women are leaders in this great work. Mrs. T. J. Caruthers of the Wicomico Woman’s Club of Salisbury has been very active in the field army from the beginning. Her own club and District are proud of her notable achievements. She is now State Commander of the Woman’s Field Army for the Control of Cancer.

Of the total of 500 milligrams of radium owned and used by the University of Maryland Hospital, 270 milligrams (more than half of it) were given by the Maryland Federation of Women’s Clubs.

1937

(15) Mrs. Elijah Nostrand, (Current Event Club, Easton), won first prize in the Music Contest.

(16) Genevieve Frazer (Mrs. David S.) of the Woman’s Club of Elkton, won the first prize in the State Poetry Contest for her poem, “To The Memory of Lizette Woodward Reese.”

(17) Mrs. Elijah Nostrand, (Current Event Club, Easton), won first prize for the best musical setting for a two-part woman’s chorus to the poem, “The Night Has A Thousand Eyes.”

These 1937 awards were during the administration of Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, of the Wicomico Woman’s Club.

1938

(18) Mrs. Harry L. Harcum who had been president of

the Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, and while holding the office of president of the Eastern Shore District, was unanimously endorsed as a candidate for the office of president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs at the semi-annual meeting, November 4, 1937 at Denton, and was nominated for this office at the State meeting in Baltimore, April 11, 12, 13, 1938, when she was elected with a great ovation. Her very constructive and efficient administration since has added to that great love for and pride in her which the Eastern Shore District has always felt and shown. She is the first and only Eastern Shore woman to hold the office of president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

During Mrs. Harcum's term as District president, she arranged an "Eastern Shore District Day" in Washington, March 29, 1938. Four hundred and fifty women from all parts of the Eastern Shore went by private cars and chartered busses, via Matapeake Ferry to Annapolis, where the long caravan was met by motorcycle escorts, who accompanied the party throughout the day, giving right-of-way everywhere. Mrs. Millard E. Tydings, wife of U. S. Senator Tydings from Maryland, was with the party and, at the White House, acted as hostess in Mrs. Roosevelt's absence from the city. Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, president General Federation of Women's Clubs, received the group at the General Federation Headquarters in Washington, 1734 N Street N. W. On the return home, Governor and Mrs. Harry Nice entertained the entire party at tea at the Governor's mansion in Annapolis.

1938

(19) Genevieve Frazer (Mrs. David S.), Woman's Club of Elkton, won second prize in the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs' poetry contest for her poem, "The Ballad of Margaret Brent."

(20) Miss Imogene Caruthers, (Junior Woman's Club, Salisbury), received Honorable Mention in the Poetry Contest.



MRS. ROBERTA CAMPBELL LAWSON *

President of General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1935-1938

"I cannot warm you if your heart be cold"

(carving over fire place in Reception Hall
at General Federation Headquarters
1734 N. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.)

On a pilgrimage to Washington March 29, 1938, the Eastern Shore Club women were received at General Headquarters by Mrs. Lawson.

* Deceased December 31, 1940.

(21) Miss Louise De Ginther, (Current Event Club, Easton), won first prize in the Whitehurst Campaign Song Contest. The title was "Vote for Sara Whitehurst," and Mrs. Elijah Nostrand of the same club won the second prize in this contest. This was during the administration of Mrs. Harry L. Harcum (Wicomico Woman's Club) as District President.

These awards were received during the administration of Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley of the Woman's Club of Hurlock.

1939

(22) Genevieve Frazer (Mrs. David S.), Woman's Club of Elkton, won first prize in the Poetry Contest for her poem, "Nineteen Nineteen Speaks to Nineteen Thirty-nine." Mrs. Samuel L. Byrn of the Woman's Club of Cambridge was District President.

(23) The Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury received the second prize in the Penny Art Contest and was given the award of a water-color "Colombine" by Elizabeth Hutton, during Mrs. Byrn's administration.

1940

(24) Mrs. Frazer wrote the Pageant of Maryland Club Women presented in Baltimore at the State Convention held in the Emerson Hotel April 23-25, 1940.

(25) Miss Dorothy Mitchell of the Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, did the oil painting "From China" which was given State recognition and used as the cover on the April-May, 1940 issue of *The Maryland Club Woman*. This picture was later purchased by the Maryland State Federation and presented as an award to the Forest Park Club which won first place in the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs' Fine Arts Contest for 1939-1940.

(26) Dr. Anne H. Matthews, Head of the Department of English at the State Teachers College, Salisbury, and a member of the Wicomico Woman's Club, held the honors as editor of *The Maryland Club Woman* for 1938 to 1941. Mrs. Glenn Cowles of the Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, was Assistant-Editor of *The Maryland Club Woman* for 1939-1941.

HONORED AS DISTRICT PIONEERS



MRS. ALFONSO BOLEY
Deceased



MRS. HARRY L. HARCUM
Leadership



MRS. W. PHILIP CAMERON
Service

(27) Miss Frances Cobb, president of the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, was selected as the Maryland Junior in the Contest for Junior Club Leadership, 1940-41.

These 1940 awards were received during the administration of Mrs. Samuel L. Byrn.

PIONEER CLUB WOMEN

This year, the fiftieth birthday of the General Federation, marks a very important mile-stone in the history of American club women. Club activities for the year have centered around this Golden Jubilee celebration. It has inspired the birthday parties and the selection of Pioneer Club Women in local clubs, in federated districts, in states and in the nation.

MRS. E. F. BRADLEY, of the Woman's Club of Hurlock and Eastern Shore District chairman of Pioneer Club Woman, reported selection of the Eastern Shore District Pioneer Women as follows:

MRS. HARRY L. HARCUM of the Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury, and president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, and past-president of the Eastern Shore District, for *Outstanding Leadership*. Mrs. Harcum's record in the Wicomico Woman's Club follows: recording secretary, 1923-24-25; chairman of Education, 1926-27; delegate-at-large, 1929-30; president, 1930-31-32; recording secretary, 1933-34; parliamentarian, 1933-34; chairman of Flower Show. In the district Mrs. Harcum has been chairman of Literature and Drama, and president. She was chairman of the Bettie Sippel Student Loan Scholarship Fund and chairman of the Conservation of National Resources of the State Federation before being elected its president-director.

MRS. ALFONSO BOLEY (Deceased), of the Woman's Club of St. Michael's, and Past-President of the Eastern Shore District for *Longest Continuous Service*. Mrs. Boley, who was district president, and at various times acted as chairman of district and state committees, died February 22, 1935. During her very active duties as a club woman she held the office of president and vice-president of the St. Michaels' Woman's Club, which she joined in 1907.

MRS. PHILIP W. CAMERON, Hytheham Club, Port Deposit, co-worker in the State organization in 1895, for *Service*. Mrs. Cameron, who helped organize the State Federation in 1899, has held the following offices and chairmanships in the Hytheham Club, corresponding secretary, 1901-1902; chairman, Program Committee, 1920-21-24-25-26; Current Events, 1927-28-29; Ways and Means committee; Literature Section, 1931-32; treasurer since 1906; Birthday Party Chairman. In the district she was chairman of Literature during 1935-36.

GROWTH OF THE DISTRICT FEDERATION

The first semi-annual meeting in 1921 showed 11 federated clubs in the District.

In May 1941 there are 29 Class A Clubs and 2 Class C Clubs, with 6 Junior Class A Clubs.

Eastern Shore clubwomen frequently drive 175 miles to attend an all-day District meeting. From November 1929 to May 1941, thirty-nine (39) semi-annual District meetings were held. Not one was omitted or called off. The attendance is from 250 to 300 at each meeting.

JUNIOR CLUBS

Junior Club work of the Eastern Shore District under the leadership of Mrs. Harry Adkins (Salisbury) as District chairman, is growing steadily in numbers and accomplishments.

The St. Michaels and Wicomico Junior Clubs have sponsored finger-printing among their members. The Wicomico Junior Club has received state recognition for its work in sponsoring a Mental Hygiene Clinic in Salisbury carried on twice a month by experts in this branch of science. The clinic is a two-day demonstration held bi-monthly at the Wicomico Health Center in Salisbury. It is part of the state-wide travelling clinic program which had its beginning in 1934. Each county develops a slightly different fashion to fit its own needs and facilities. In Wicomico County, the Junior Woman's Club is the sponsoring agency. This club finances the traveling and maintenance expenses of the clinic staff and promotes community education by news-

paper publicity, lectures, personal contacts and other available means. Mrs. Harry Moller, president of Wicomico Junior Club at the time the project was adopted, is liaison representative between the Clinic and the Club.

One delegate from the Western Shore Districts of Junior Women's Clubs and one from the Eastern Shore District form a committee on arrangements for the junior house parties which have been held for the past two years (1939-1940) in June at the Hastings Hotel on the Boardwalk at Ocean City, Maryland.

All the junior clubs of Maryland were asked to send one of their members to enter the contest to find the outstanding Junior Club representative. These young women were judged on three points:

Club experience

Positions of club leadership held

Personality, poise, understanding and appearance in both street and evening clothes.

Miss Frances Cobb, president of the Junior Wicomico Woman's Club, Salisbury won first place and was chosen as the Maryland Junior in this Contest. She will ride in the Junior Float on "Junior Night" at the Golden Jubilee Convention in Atlantic City, May 22, 1941. Miss Cobb has not only excelled in qualities for junior club leadership, but recently led her class in Civil Aeronautics with a grade of 100 in Meteorology and Navigation, thereby winning a free-flight scholarship from the Government. She now has her private pilot's license and is doing advance flying.

Honors were won, also, by two other Eastern Shore Juniors. Mrs. Thomas Fleming, of the Junior Woman's Club of St. Michaels, won third place in the Contest and will help push the float. Miss Martha Steinmetz of the Junior Woman's Club of Hurlock won fifth place and will escort one of the State pioneers, Miss Margaret Wier, to the stage on the first night of the Convention, "Pioneer Night."

All the five junior clubs are making a splendid contribution to the Eastern Shore district work for constructive citizenship. The district is very proud of their past record as well as of their promise of the future.

EASTERN SHORE WOMEN ON GENERAL FEDERATION BOARD

General Federation State Secretary—

Mrs. Albert L. Richardson, Cambridge, 1901-1906

General Federation Director—

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury, 1938-1941

EASTERN SHORE WOMEN ON STATE BOARD *

Prior to District organization, Counties had representatives on the State Board called Directors.

Director—Mrs. W. N. Andrews, Cambridge, 1918-1920*

Director—Mrs. Roselle P. Handy, Berlin, 1920-1921

Director—Mrs. John Robins, Snow Hill, 1921-1922

Eastern Shore District was organized 1921.

Eastern Shore District President—Mrs. Andrew A. Hathaway, Easton, 1921-1925

Division of Illiteracy—Mrs. T. E. Martindale, Salisbury, 1922-1924*

Division Library Extension—Mrs. George R. Cobb, Salisbury, 1926-28.

Treasurer—Mrs. Reginald Constable, Elkton, 1928-1932

Eastern Shore District President—Mrs. Roger W. Lankford, Pocomoke, 1928

Division Home Economics—Miss Ethel Dix, Pocomoke City, 1928-1930

Division Community Singing—Mrs. Cleveland S. Smith, Easton, 1928-1932

Legislation—Mrs. Alfonso Boley, Royal Oak, 1926-1928

Member of Resolutions Committee—Mrs. L. Paul Ewell—Pocomoke, 1928-1930*

Eastern Shore President—Mrs. Alfonso Boley, Royal Oak, 1928-1932

Division Americanization—Mrs. D. W. Davis, Denton, 1930-1932

Dept. of American Home—Mrs. Gardiner Spring, Jr., Salisbury, 1930-1932

Division of Mothercraft—Mrs. Frederick P. Roe, Greensboro, 1930-1931

Division of Home Extension—Mrs. M. R. Etchison, Frederick, 1930-1932

* Record incomplete for years 1918-1920; 1925-1928; 1929-1930; 1932-1933.

Division of Education in Rural Districts—Mrs. J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, 1930-1932
 Division of Mothercraft—Mrs. O. W. McWilliams, Rhodestdale, 1931-1935
 Bettie Sippel Loan Scholarship Fund—Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury, 1931-1932*
 Federation Pin—Mrs. T. Clayton Horsey, Greensboro
 Eastern Shore District President—Miss Florence E. Monk, Greensboro, 1932-36
 Division of Law Observance—Mrs. Alfonso Boley, Royal Oak, 1932-1935
 Dept. of American Home—Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, Hurlock, 1932-1935
 Division of Conservation—Mrs. John Swaine, Royal Oak, 1932-1935
 Division of Library Extension—Mrs. J. A. Hughlett, Trappe, 1932-1934
 Division of Literature—Mrs. George R. Cobb, Salisbury, 1932-1935
 Dept. of Legislation—Mrs. Alfonso Boley, Royal Oak, 1932-1935
 Division of Child Welfare—Mrs. Henry H. Nuttle, Denton, 1932-1934
 Division of Safety—Mrs. Harry T. Cottman, Hurlock, 1933-1934
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Frederick P. Roe, Greensboro, 1935-1938
 Division of War Veterans—Miss Alice E. Miller, Port Deposit, 1935-1938
 Division of Conservation—Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury, 1935-1936
 Dept. of Fine Arts—Miss Louise de Ginther, Easton, 1935-1938
 Division of Art—Mrs. J. S. Taylor, Salisbury, 1935-1938
 Division of Community Singing—Mrs. J. Kemp Stevens, Denton, 1935-1938
 Division of Music—Mrs. Francis H. Dryden, Salisbury, 1935-1938
 Federation Pin—Mrs. James B. Noble, Cambridge, 1935-1941
 Eastern Shore District President—Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury, 1936-38

President M. F. W. C.—Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury,
 1938-1941
 Corresponding Secretary M. F. W. C.—Mrs. Alfred T.
 Truitt, Salisbury, 1938-41
 Eastern Shore District President and Vice-President of
 State—Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, Hurlock, 1938-1939
 Division of Civil Service—Mrs. Philip S. Richardson,
 Hurlock, 1938-1941
 Dept. of American Home—Mrs. William E. Lennon, Fed-
 eralsburg, 1938-1941
 Division of Community Service—Mrs. T. J. Caruthers,
 Salisbury, 1938-1941
 Editor of The Maryland Club Woman—Dr. Anne H. Mat-
 thews, Salisbury, 1938-1941
 Associate Editor of The Maryland Club Woman—Miss
 Imogene Caruthers, Salisbury, 1938-1939.
 Chairman of Conventions—Mrs. Walter S. Sheppard,
 Salisbury, 1938-1941
 Chairman of Credentials—Mrs. Phillips E. Douglas, Hur-
 lock, 1938-1941
 Vice-Chairman Finance Committee—Mrs. Robert Mackey,
 Elkton, 1938-1941
 Chairman Foundation Fund G. F. W. C.—Mrs. Wilmer Fell
 Davis, Federalsburg, 1938-1941
 Chairman Program Committee—Mrs. A. B. Boulden,
 Salisbury, 1938-1941
 Chairman of Resolutions Committee—Mrs. Grady E.
 Powell, Pocomoke, 1938-1941
 Chairman of War Veterans—Mrs. Walter Hughes Keen,
 Perry Point, 1938-1941
 Division Adult Education—Mrs. H. M. Hollis, Preston,
 1939-1941
 Library Service—Mrs. Edgar F. Bradley, Hurlock, 1939-
 1941
 Associate Editor Maryland Club Woman—Mrs. Glenn E.
 Cowles, Salisbury, 1939-1941

Since this is a District history we have been held to those
 achievements which have received state and national recog-
 nition as reported at the semi-annual meetings. Every
 individual women's club throughout the nine counties of

the Eastern Shore District bears wonderful testimony of personal enrichment in work done for civic betterment and community welfare. In the state-wide and national movements also, each has contributed generously and cheerfully for the good of all. It is because of the splendid cooperation of each of the twenty-three Senior and five Junior clubs and two County federations in the District that such a report as this can be compiled at all.

The historian would like here to acknowledge with gratitude the kindness and help of all those who have made this history possible. Carlyle's words ring in our ears,—“History is the essence of innumerable biographies.” As you, who have helped make this history, may read it, the faces and deeds of “innumerable” friends and co-workers will come in pleasant memories to complete the history which is unrecorded here.

“BOOKLAND” *

Tune, “School Days”

By MRS. J. C. LEDBETTER

“Nothing to do, Billy darling?
‘Nothing to do,’ you say?
Let’s take a trip on story book ship
Back to another day.
Sail on an argosy golden,
Jewels and treasures to seek.
Of pirates so bold and sea chests of gold
The story book pages will speak.

Chorus

“Bookland, Bookland, fascinating Bookland,
Ride to the moon on a dragon’s back,
Fly to the sun on a charger black;
Goblins and elves around you stray,
Fairies, or witches all in gray;
There’s nothing too strange or weird or gay
When in Bookland you fancy to roam.

“Nothing to do, Betty darling?
‘Nothing to do,’ you say?
Come roaming with me, new playmates to see,—
Spirit the time away.
Alice in Wonderland straying,
Amy and Meg, Beth and Jo,
Pollyanna so glad or Hannah so bad,
Your story book pages will show.

Chorus

“Bookland, Bookland, fascinating Bookland, etc.”

* This song was inspired by the Greensboro Community Club’s celebration of Children’s Book Week. This song was printed in *The Maryland Club Woman*, June, 1928.

Eastern Shore District

ADDENDA

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND FEDERATION WOMEN'S CLUBS FUNCTIONING IN WICOMICO COUNTY BEFORE THE FORMATION OF A WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE COUNTY

It seems like ancient history to recall the days of woman's work in Wicomico County prior to 1929 when the Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury was organized as a channel for women's community activities. The department of Education of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, under Mrs. Daniel Miller, State Chairman of Education, asked me to act as a member of that department representing Wicomico County in the State woman's club work for Education.

As I have stated, there was no woman's club in Wicomico County, and no parent-teacher associations, thus making it rather difficult to get concerted effort by the women of the county. I have nothing outstanding to report for this work in the pre-club period, but through the women's church organizations we tried to present the woman's club movement for better schools and school laws. It is a pleasure to record that we received intelligent and sympathetic hearings with cooperation where it was at all possible. In this way, we feel some seeds were sown and interest developed for the later formation of women's club work in community and county interests.

It was a great pleasure to work with Mrs. Daniel Miller and Mrs. Edward F. Buckner of Baltimore, who headed the State Department of Education for Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs during my years in office in the local pre-club days. The gist of my work was visiting now and then the County Commissioners, County Superintendent of Public Schools, County Legislators and Senators in the interest of school improvement and the school bill later passed by the Legislature.

Maria Louise Ellegood

Chairman of Education for Wicomico County
under the Maryland Federation of Women's
Clubs preceding the formation of the
Wicomico Woman's Club of Salisbury

HISTORY OF HYTHEHAM CLUB

A "bit of history" that properly belongs to this section is that of The Hytheham Club. This early club was greatly interested in the formation of the Maryland Federation and was the only Eastern Shore Club in the group of nineteen called together to form that Federation. The following account was written by Mrs. Charlotte Newell in 1931, and read by her before the Eastern Shore District Federation of Women's Clubs in Tome, M. E. Church, Port Deposit, May 7th of that year.

The Hytheham Club, organized a year after the Jacob Tome Institute was opened in September, 1894, was composed of women members of the faculty of that school, the wives of male members of the faculty, and a number of ladies of the community who were in sympathy with its proposed objects and methods.

Mrs. Jacob Tome, the wife of the founder of the institute, was one of the most earnest and enthusiastic promoters of the movement, and to her unwavering interest and generous support, the Club was largely indebted for its almost phenomenal success. Her time, her thought, her money were freely given. The name of her home, *Hytheham*, was bestowed upon the Club—*hythe* being an old Anglo-Saxon word for *Port*, and *ham* the popular termination (*Brittingham*, *Nottingham*, *Twickeham*).

Mrs. Newell was chosen president, an office which she held for seventeen years, with Mrs. Tome, Mrs. W. W. Shaw, and Mrs. John R. Bond, vice-presidents. A constitution was framed, rules of procedure were adopted, and plans of work, which ranged "from grave to gay, from lively to severe" were formulated.

You recall that we are told, in the Book of Nehemiah, that the work of rebuilding the Wall around Jerusalem prospered because "all the people had a mind to work." So it was with the Hytheham. In the gentlemen members of the Institute's faculty, the club had a willing and valuable auxiliary reserve. The Hytheham was greatly interested in the formation of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, and was one of the projectors and earliest members of that group.

In 1902, the Hytheham sponsored the cause of Travelling Libraries, and to it gave its determined effort, in which it had staunch allies in other members of the State Federation. To persuade or to convince the law-makers at Annapolis that the State should feel any obligation to promote the circulation of books, especially when money was required to materialize that interest, was a colossal undertaking—and achievement. The president of the Hytheham, along with other Federation women, spent much time in Annapolis, working, in season and out of season, for the passage of a bill, legalizing traveling libraries, and appropriating money to establish and maintain such a system.

However, perseverance brought its usual return. The bill was passed and \$1,000 was appropriated—a meagre amount to buy books, provide cases for their travel, pay transportation, and meet various other unavoidable expenses—but it was a beginning. To the Trustees of the Enoch Pratt Library, and its Librarian, Dr. Bernard Steiner, an ex-officio member of the Commission, the enterprise was indebted for a place to house its books, to hold its conferences, and to direct its business and correspondence.

John Walter Smith (an Eastern Shoreman) was Governor at the time. He believed, whole-heartedly, in the power of books and he proved his belief by his deeds. The Hytheham feels a pardonable pride in the fact that the first traveling libraries sent out in Maryland were provided and directed—two in number—by its members.

The Hytheham is to be felicitated on the succession of presidents who have directed its activities since the close of Mrs. Newell's administration. There have been four: Miss Myrna Tompkinson, (Mrs. Wm. H. Carson); Mrs. Miller, mother of the lady who is the present incumbent, a devotee of books; Mrs. Frank Benson, of whom it may be truly said, as was said of Oliver Goldsmith, "She touches nothing that she does not adorn."

Your present presiding officer needs no characterization, no encomiums from me. By the fruits of her policy, her work and worth, may be known "If you see monuments, look around."

MEMBER CLUBS, 1940-1941

THE CAMBRIDGE WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized 1900—Joined State Federation 1901

President—Mrs. Irving B. Jackson

CIVIC CLUB OF CHESAPEAKE CITY

Organized 1927—Joined State Federation 1930

President—Mrs. Robert Foard

COMMUNITY CLUB OF NECK DISTRICT

Organized 1915—Joined State Federation 1931

President—Mrs. Archie C. Seward

THE COMMUNITY CLUB OF PRESTON

Organized 1923—Joined State Federation 1927

President—Mrs. Helen McAllister

QUEEN ANNE'S COMMUNITY CLUB

Organized —Joined State Federation 1941

President—Mrs. John W. Gibson

CURRENT EVENT CLUB OF EASTON

Organized 1898—Joined State Federation 1929

President—Mrs. Edward W. Hughlett

DELEGATES CLUB (KANSAS CITY 1938)

Organized 1938—Joined State Federation 1938

President—Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff

DENTON COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

Organized 1919—Joined State Federation 1925

President—Mrs. Austin R. Murphy

EAST NEW MARKET WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized 1922—Joined State Federation 1922

President—Mrs. Charles Webster, Jr.

FORK DISTRICT HOME AND COMMUNITY CLUB

Organized 1922—Joined State Federation 1926

President—Mrs. D. Floyd Brinsfield

GREENSBORO COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

Organized 1920—Joined State Federation 1926

President—Mrs. Jessie C. Smith

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF GREENSBORO

Organized 1938—Joined State Federation 1939

President—Miss Mildred Anne Corkran

HURLOCK WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized 1910—Joined State Federation 1919

President—Mrs. Arthur Osborne

THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF HURLOCK

Organized 1939—Joined State Federation 1940

President—Mrs. John J. Breuil

THE HYTHEHAM CLUB

Organized 1895—Joined State Federation 1899

President—Miss Alice E. Miller

- THE SHORELAND CLUB OF PRINCESS ANNE
Organized 1906—Joined State Federation 1923
President—Mrs. Henry M. Lankford
- SNOW HILL WOMAN'S CLUB
Organized 1928—Joined State Federation 1928
President—Mrs. Wm. Lee Dennis
- WICOMICO WOMAN'S CLUB
Organized 1921—Joined State Federation 1921
President—Mrs. John A. Price
- JUNIOR WICOMICO WOMAN'S CLUB
Organized 1928—Joined State Federation 1937
President—Miss Frances Cobb
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF CENTREVILLE
Organized 1934—Joined State Federation 1936
President—Mrs. Guy E. Harmon
- JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF CENTREVILLE
Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1938
President—Mrs. Adeline Willis
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ELKTON
Organized 1913—Joined State Federation 1914
President—Mrs. James W. Hughes
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF FEDERALSBURG
Organized 1920—Joined State Federation 1921
President—Mrs. Wm. S. Nabb
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OCEAN CITY
Organized 1939—Joined State Federation 1939
President—Mrs. Guy R. Ayres
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF POCOMOKE CITY
Organized 1926—Joined State Federation 1926
President—Mrs. U. P. Stevenson
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ST. MICHAELS
Organized 1906—Joined State Federation 1913
President—Mrs. D. Hughes LeCompte
- THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF ST. MICHAELS
Organized 1936—Joined State Federation 1937
President—Miss Geraldine Farmer
- WORCESTER COUNTY WOMAN'S CLUB
Organized —Joined State Federation 1941
President—Mrs. Charles Ludlam

CLASS C

- CAROLINE COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Organized 1919—Joined State Federation 1919
President—Mrs. William Wolf
- DORCHESTER COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Organized 1922—Joined State Federation 1931
President—Mrs. Philip S. Richardson

THIRD OR BALTIMORE DISTRICT
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

FIRST PRESIDENT 1921-1927



MRS. H. MATTHEW GAULT *

*President of the Woman's Club of Forest Park, Baltimore,
1919-1922*

* Vision and Vigor was the caption given this official photograph by the News-Post when it was first published in 1921.

THIRD OR BALTIMORE DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
(BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY)



MRS. THOMAS JAY TINGLEY

President of the Woman's Club of Roland Park, 1936-1939
District President 1939

The Third or Baltimore District

Compiled by MRS. THOMAS JAY TINGLEY

The Baltimore District was organized October 21, 1921, at a meeting at the Arundel Club, with Mrs. Francis Sanderson, State President, presiding. The officers chosen were: Mrs. H. Matthew Gault, president; Mrs. B. Holly Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Philip Brooks Towler, secretary-treasurer. After one year of service, Mrs. Towler was killed in an automobile accident. Mrs. Robert E. Post, of the Roland Park Club; was elected treasurer and Mrs. John K. Harper, of the Mt. Washington Club, was made recording secretary. These women served to the end of the first administration, a period of six years.

THE FIRST ADMINISTRATION

Sixteen women formed the first executive board, which included in its numbers Dr. Mary Sherwood, Dr. Ella Lonn, and Miss Florence Levy. The District concentrated its interest on a study of city government, with the outstanding result that it was awarded a one-hundred-dollar prize given by the *Woman's Home Companion* in 1923 for the best civic study program for women's clubs. During this administration, the District organized the first study classes in art for clubs, at the old Museum of Art, Cathedral and Mt. Vernon Place. This class was the first in the United States to respond to the appeal of the General Federation on their "Buy a Picture Campaign." Three pictures by local artists were purchased and presented to the Museum.

About this time, too, the interest of the Federation was centered in a fight to establish a five-cent fare for school children in Baltimore. It was a hard fight, but today children are still going to school on a five-cent carfare.

Interest in public welfare was exemplified by the program of the District opposing wholesale commitment of children to institutions. They were successful in forcing upon the newspapers the policy of withholding the names of little girl victims in assault cases, and the names of juvenile offenders. They were successful also in establishing the policy of the juvenile court of sending juvenile of-

fenders home in the custody of their parents while awaiting trial.

Other sociological and economic projects of the District were a survey and exposé of street beggars in the city, a crusade for clean stage and screen, and an expose of health frauds in the city. The District worked for conservation of seafoods in the Chesapeake Bay with the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. Five thousand copies of Dr. Ella Lonn's lecture on this subject were distributed to all clubs in the Virginia and Maryland Federation, and placed in the schools and libraries in these states.

The administration closed with a membership of fifty women's clubs, and with a total membership of 15,000. It made a contribution to the General Federation of \$3,912 for the establishment of a National Headquarters Fund.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MRS. ROBERT FRANK SKUTCH— 1927-1931

The highlights of this administration were in the interest of work with handicapped children, and in a fight against the commercialization and exploitation of women's clubs.

Efforts to help the handicapped children resulted in the establishment in the public schools of the first lip-reading courses for the hard of hearing. The District concentrated its efforts to secure an appropriation for the legislature for schools for the handicapped children, at a cost of a million dollars.

It was in 1929 that the District became interested in Baltimore zoning laws. Many citizens with devotion to Baltimore's historic traditions were endeavoring to have the building area around Mt. Vernon Place restricted to a definite height in order to keep a proper perspective for the Washington Monument. This agitation was provoked because building permits had been requested for many-storied apartment houses. Public hearings in which our District participated were held by the City Council, which resulted in zoning restrictions in the vicinity of Mt. Vernon Place. History repeats itself, and because of business encroaching upon the same neighborhood, the fate of Mt. Vernon Place is again to be decided, and the present re-

strictions are again (1941) being vigorously defended by the District Federation.

It was during the legislative session of 1930-31, also, that legislation for the abolition of unsightly billboards was supported by the District. Again history repeats itself, and in the legislature of 1941 we had the passage of two effective bills for highway control.

During this period, the principle of club institutes was established, when Anna Steese Richardson of the *Woman's Home Companion*, addressed the District on the subject "Whither Go Women." This was the first club institute to be held in Maryland, it has become an important factor in club programs throughout the State.

The District received a prize of fifty dollars offered by *The Maryland Club Woman*, for the best edited District Club page for the year 1930-31. During 1930-31 the country was approaching the depth of the business depression. It was a year of unusual hardship on those regular clients of the welfare agencies, and even for many who had never before experienced financial difficulties. Clubs were exhorted to help in a difficult situation, and to put aside cultural programs in the interest of study programs on economic subjects. They sent delegates to the labor conference and the old age pension conference, and made a contribution of \$200 for the Citizens Relief Committee for the Unemployed.

MRS. JOHN PAUL TROY, *President*, 1931-1933

This administration is characterized by reorganization of the District and the State, when universal membership in the General Federation was adopted by the State and the District, making the fiscal year of the District current with the fiscal year of the State. Regular meetings of club presidents were held during this period, which resulted in the formation in the next administration of an executive board which included all club presidents. Subjects under discussion during these years were the reduction of armaments and compulsory military service. Both of these questions were studied very thoroughly by the clubs at the instance of the District. Legislation sponsored was: the

Mothers' Pension Bill, enforcement of laws in regard to the sale of firearms, jury service for women, recommendations to the Board of Motion Picture Censors for regulation of the admission of children to the motion picture houses. Resolutions were passed urging Governor Ritchie to appoint a woman as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, a suggestion upon which the Governor acted by the appointment of Mrs. John L. Whitehurst as the first woman member of the Board of Regents of the University. It is interesting to note, also, in this connection that the District protested to President Roosevelt against his policy of federal aid to state universities.

1933-35 WITH MRS. HARRY O. SCHLOSS AND

1935-36 WITH MRS. JULES SMUCKER

It was during this administration that the presidents of the District became members of the executive board of the District and a monthly letter to each president acquainting her with the work of the District became an established policy. The keeping together of the clubs during a time of panic and national distress was a problem of major proportions.

It was during this period, also, that the N.R.A. was established and the Baltimore District was asked to cooperate in canvassing the city to enlist the citizens in a campaign to support industries whose products bore the N.R.A. label. Baltimore made the honor roll in the country since ninety percent of the residents of the City were signed up. There were 125,000 pledges signed as a result of the work of the Federation, and 14,000 people were restored to jobs during this crusade. The work lasted over a year, and we established offices in the Customs House and later in the Association of Commerce Building. We were asked to have a representative on the Code Enforcement Bureau, and as Mrs. Schloss was unable to serve, she recommended Mrs. Wheelock to take the position. The purpose of the N.R.A. was the signing of blanket codes by business men regulating wages and hours of employees, and such business men then displayed the sign of the Blue Eagle.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF

MRS. CARL F. WHEELLOCK, 1936-1939

The keynote of this administration was expressed in the slogan adopted by it, "Community Service and Cooperation With Other Women's Organizations." It was during these years that the District supported the state loan scholarship fund, by contribution of \$150 a year. The District received from the State Federation a ten-dollar prize for the largest increase in membership during the year 1938-39. It was also during this administration that the Govans Club started Reciprocity Day. Since then many of the clubs set aside District Day for the entertainment of officers of other clubs in the District, thus establishing a spirit of friendliness and good-will.

Legislation endorsed during these years was jury service for women, permanent registration and voting machines, the forty-eight hour marriage law, and the equalization of the rights of illegitimate children, classification of motion pictures and regulation of the sale of fireworks. They stressed laws insuring public safety, and in this connection, won honorable and second prizes in the national contest of the General Federation for a safety program.

In addition to a very comprehensive legislative program, club institutes were conducted each month following the Board meeting on the subject of governmental functions of the city and state. This program lasted over a period of two years, thoroughly acquainting club women with the set-up of the state and city government.

MRS. THOMAS J. TINGLEY, *President*, 1939-1941

This administration began its term as a new world war was pending. Consequently, the interest of the period lay in the field of international relations. The pulse of the times is indicated by the subjects discussed at the monthly meetings and the actions taken by the Executive Board in support of national policies. In September, 1939, the Board was addressed by Dr. Stuff Holt of the Johns Hopkins University on the subject of neutrality, "Father Coughlin vs. President Roosevelt." Dr. Holt advocated the cash and carry plan, lifting the embargo on war materials to Eng-

land. Dr. Steinmeyer, in October, gave a lecture on "Propaganda." Following this study, the District attended public hearings in Washington arranged by Senators Tydings and Radcliffe for the discussion of neutrality legislation. As a result, the District endorsed the provisions of the Cash and Carry Bill, and went on congressional record.

The District also passed resolutions which were sent to the Maryland senators and to Secretary Hull expressing unreserved disapproval of the sale of war materials to Japan as an aggressor nation.

As the World War became more threatening, we studied legislation in support of giving credits to England, a precursor to the support of the Lend-Lease Bill. The District was presented with a resolution to endorse H. R. 1776, which failed of passage and a substitute resolution was passed approving immediate aid to Britain. In this connection, the president of the District, with the president of the League of Women Voters and Dr. Katharine Jeanne Gallagher of Goucher College, addressed a public hearing held in the Senate chambers in Washington urging immediate aid to Britain. During this period, national defense legislation became uppermost and was crystallized in the passage of the Selective Service Bill, drafting all men between the ages of 21 and 35.

We are interesting ourselves in the subject of new service clubs to be established by the Morale Section of the National Research Council, since Baltimore will face by summer the problem of affording recreation for approximately 45,000 men in the city on leave from neighboring camps.

The District, through its chairman of American Citizenship, Mrs. Simon E. Sobeloff, interested itself in the refugee problem to the extent of bringing about a meeting between leaders of foreign language groups in the city, and Mr. Thomas Van Sant, Director Adult Education in the public schools, the result of which has been establishment of a great many more classes in adult education in the foreign sections of the city for instruction in English and preparation for citizenship. Also with the cooperation of the public schools, classes in American cookery and catering were established during the summer and attended by refugees to train them as hostess assistants.

The clubs are actively supporting the Red Cross by initiating sewing groups and groups engaged in making surgical dressings, as well as taking part in the city-wide house to house canvass for the Roll Call, of which the District President is the chairman. The chairman of Welfare, Mrs. Clarence Klingel, reports that the clubs have completed 12,298 surgical dressings, 189 sweaters, 10,490 garments.

Interest in our local problems has been centered in the department of public welfare, realizing that the District is composed of many clubs of varied interests, all clubs having a common interest in public welfare. Mrs. Clarence H. Klingel and Mrs. Gideon N. Steiff determined to crystallize this interest by trying to reform the present laws regulating solicitation of funds for religious, philanthropic and patriotic purposes. With the assistance of the leading social agencies in the city, and the Police Department and the Better Business Bureau, the Federation sponsored Ordinance No. 195 to eliminate the charity racketeer. Public hearings supported by twenty-two civic agencies have been held, and the ordinance is now in the hands of the Legislative Committee of the City Council, from which we are expecting a favorable report.

We took an active part in the fight to maintain the \$2.70 city tax rate. In spite of our protest the Council adopted a budget based on the \$2.85 rate.

The District has also supported the following legislation: the fireworks bill, the bill to provide for chronic hospitals, the merit system bill, the jury service bill, roadside control bills, and the motion picture classification bill.

Some relief from the intensity of the world situation was afforded in the department of Art by a course of fifteen lectures conducted at the Walters Art Gallery on the history of art and by arrangement with the Maryland Institute for a course in handicrafts for club women. The course in art was so successful that it was oversubscribed and had to be repeated. The District took a stand against the attempt to change the zoning of Mt. Vernon Place and the chairman of Art had been placed on a city-wide committee to study the problem. Mrs. Norman Angel was chairman.

The District also sponsored a Music Festival at each Christmas season. Under the supervision of Mrs. Stanley

Delcher. Cultural activities, however, have mainly been supported in the individual clubs, as is inevitable, if constructive work is to be carried on by the Federation, in time of stress.

Baltimore District has adapted itself to the quick tempo of these rapidly changing times. Our club members kept close touch with international events and threw the weight of their support in the direction of aid to embattled England.

MEMBER CLUBS, 1940-1941

THE BANACA CLUB OF MARYLAND

Organized 1932—Joined State Federation 1933

President—Mrs. Harry J. Hannon

BALTIMORE SOROSIS CLUB

Organized 1892—Joined State Federation 1899

President—Mrs. W. A. McKewen

BRANTWOOD CLUB

Organized 1900—Joined State Federation 1906

President—Mrs. Harry E. Challis

HOME INTEREST CLUB OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Organized 1905—Joined State Federation 1914

President—Mrs. Louis F. Detrick

HOUSEWIVES' ALLIANCE, INC. OF BALTIMORE

Organized 1924—Joined State Federation 1930

President—Mrs. J. Edw. Stier

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION FOR KINDERGARTEN EXTENSION

Organized 1918—Joined State Federation 1930

President—Mrs. Guy Hudson Parr

THE MOTHERS' CLUB OF BALTIMORE

Organized 1903—Joined State Federation 1906

President—Mrs. W. W. Cort

THE MYRTLE CLUB

Organized 1885—Joined State Federation 1899

President—Mrs. Adelaide Derringer

WOMAN'S CLUB OF CATONSVILLE

Organized 1932—Joined State Federation 1935

President—Mrs. David W. Zimmerman

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF CATONSVILLE

Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1937

President—Miss Eleanor Rice

WOMAN'S CLUB OF DUNDALK

Organized 1940—Joined State Federation 1941

President—Mrs. D. E. Donovan

- WOMAN'S CLUB OF FOREST PARK
Organized 1904—Joined State Federation 1906
President—Mrs. Charles W. Sylvester
- JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF FOREST PARK
Organized 1938—Joined State Federation 1938
President—Miss Margaret E. Rodgers
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF GOVANS
Organized 1900—Joined State Federation 1901
President—Mrs. J. Winton Getzendanner
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF GLYNDON
Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1937
President—Mrs. Joshua A. Fowble
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF HAMILTON
Organized 1914—Joined State Federation 1915
President—Mrs. Harry L. Benson
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF MT. WASHINGTON
Organized 1914—Joined State Federation 1923
President—Mrs. Wallace Ford
- JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF MT. WASHINGTON
Organized 1930—Joined State Federation 1937
President—Miss Virginia Zinck
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF PIKESVILLE AND RANDALLSTOWN
Organized 1936—Joined State Federation 1937
President—Mrs. T. Newell Cox
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF RELAY
Organized 1896—Joined State Federation 1918
President—Mrs. C. E. Johnson
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROLAND PARK
Organized 1896—Joined State Federation 1899
President—Mrs. George A. Stewart
- JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROLAND PARK
Organized 1933—Joined State Federation 1937
President—Miss Elizabeth Kenny
- WOMAN'S SOUTHERN CLUB
Organized 1906—Joined State Federation 1908
President—Mrs. Marion S. King
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF TEN HILLS
Organized 1938—Joined State Federation 1939
President—Mrs. Mervin G. Pierpont
- JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF TEN HILLS
Organized 1941—Joined State Federation 1941
President—Miss Jeanne A. Klare
- WOMAN'S TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB
Organized 1903—Joined State Federation 1904
President—Mrs. B. Edgar Benson

CLASS B

AMERICAN HOMEMAKER'S ASSOCIATION

Organized 1929—Joined State Federation 1931

President—Mrs. Wm. J. Bitterman

BALTIMORE CHAPTER, SERVICE STAR LEGION, INC.

Organized 1918—Joined State Federation 1931

President—Mrs. Marie Lane

BALTIMORE SECTION, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Organized 1894—Joined State Federation 1901

President—Mrs. Samuel Strouse

BALTIMORE SECTION, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH JUNIORS

Organized 1935—Joined State Federation 1937

President—Miss Anne Grossman

HOWARD PARK BRANCH, INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY

Organized 1908—Joined State Federation 1911

President—Mrs. Wm. C. Abhau

MARYLAND BRANCH, NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY

Organized 1920—Joined State Federation 1940

President—Mrs. George E. Halsey

THE WOMAN'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION CLUB

Organized 1933—Joined State Federation 1939

President—Miss Anita Ray Simons

CLASS C

ASSOCIATED BLIND WOMEN OF MARYLAND

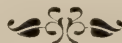
Organized 1909—Joined State Federation 1909

President—Mrs. Wm. Hopkins

MARYLAND STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Organized 1903—Joined State Federation 1904

President—Miss Maud M. Gardner, R.N.



FOURTH OR SOUTHERN DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

FIRST PRESIDENT

1925-1927



MRS. ST. GEORGE BARBER

*First President of the Woman's Club of Annapolis and
Anne Arundel County, 1918-1920*

FOURTH OR SOUTHERN DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
(ANNE ARUNDEL, HOWARD, CHARLES, ST. MARY'S AND CALVERT COUNTIES)



MRS. ORION S. GOVER,
President of the Woman's Club of Jessup, 1929-1931: 1939-1941
President of District, 1939

The Fourth or Southern District

By MRS. ORION S. GOVER and

MRS. J. FRANK HARMAN

Historians

CLUB SONG BY MAY P. GOVER

Tune—Battle Hymn Republic

*We are the smallest family in this federated band,
But being small don't stop us when we have some work on hand—
We band together strongly—we'll ever do and dare
As the clubs go marching on.
Working, working, ever working—
Yearning always to play fair,
Striving, striving, ever striving—
To always do our share.*

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT ARE :—

Mrs. St. George Barber, Davidsonville, Md.—1925-1927
Mrs. Melvin M. Stewart, Annapolis, Md.—1927-1931
Mrs. Phillip V. H. Weems, Annapolis, Md.—1931-1932
Mrs. J. Frank Harman, Jessup, Md.—1931-1932
Mrs. Robert Moss, Annapolis, Md.—1932-1934
Mrs. Ridgely B. Bond, Jessup, Md.—1934-1936
Mrs. John C. Shaw, North Beach, Md.—1936-1938
Mrs. James A. Robertson, Annapolis, Md.—1938-1940

This District was admitted into the State Federation in the spring of 1925 at a meeting held in the home of Mrs. J. Beauregarde Clark, Jessup, Maryland. At that time the District included Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Howard Counties. At the present time five clubs constitute it, namely—Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Woman's Club of Park Circle, Woman's Club of North Beach, Woman's Club of Jessup and the Junior Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

"The object of this Federation shall be to bring women of the District into communication for acquaintance, mutual benefit, and to promote their common interest in all educational, sociological and philanthropic movements which make for individual or community efficiency."

MRS. ST. GEORGE BARBER, 1925-1927

Elsie Biglow Barber was elected first president of this new District and did much to help build it up. The first year of life of Fourth District was spent in organizing. In 1925 two clubs comprised it, but later it grew to five clubs with 286 membership. It pursued all branches of federation work during her administration, and is now a wide-awake District. The financial status was good at the end of her term.

Mrs. Barber was born and brought up in New York City, went to private school there and in Englewood, New Jersey, graduated from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania during 1906 and came to Anne Arundel with her husband in 1910. During the World War she was a member of the Council of Defense for this county, was the first president of Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and was also the first president of the Fourth District. She has been on the Board of Managers of the Annapolis Emergency Hospital since 1919; has been its president and is now its secretary. She was a member of the House of Delegates of the Maryland Legislature in the session of 1923 (and incidentally the only woman to be elected to that office from this county). She has been interested in the Maryland League of Women Voters ever since it was started, and has been chairman of local League, first vice-president of the State and is at present director of the Fifth District.

She is a member of All Hallows' Episcopal Church and is active in its Guild and Altar Guild. She has been on various committees in the County, such as Red Cross, Tuberculosis Association and many other activities. From the above one can see that Mrs. Barber leads a very active life and as she puts it—"I run a farm—which is a job in itself."

The minutes book or records of this District were lost or misplaced from 1926 until 1934, so not much data can be found covering these dates. However, much work has been done by all the departments and with Mrs. F. Conrad Stoll as president of the Annapolis Club the District was not allowed to lag.

THE SECOND PRESIDENT

Mrs. Melvin M. Stewart was elected president of Fourth District in 1927 and served until 1931 when she resigned to live in North Carolina. During her administration, this District did outstanding library work, had close cooperation with Garden Clubs and D. A. R. She worked for conservation in eliminating unsightly billboards, advocated roadside planting and beautification and pioneered in planting living Christmas trees around which were held Community Christmas Tree celebrations. She was deeply interested in Red Cross work, Christmas seal sales, Salvation Army, Dental Clinics in schools, as well as hot lunches for school children, and helped the women of the Farm Bureau.

In 1925, before the real organization of the Fourth District, she was president of the largest group in Southern Maryland, Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and represented that at State Federation meetings and served as acting chairman until the group could be organized. She assisted Mrs. Whitehurst in working out plans for the first State Federation magazine or paper, "The Clubwoman" and served on its board until her removal to North Carolina. She served the State Federation as chairman of Legislation for two years.

Mrs. Stewart holds a warm place in the hearts of members of this District. She is gracious and charming, with a sweet low voice and a hand-shake that makes you feel she is your friend. During her administration, she arranged many fine meetings and spared no effort and time to make them interesting as well as instructive, and secured people of note to take part. It is with regret that Maryland had to give her to another State, but she will be active and do things no matter where she lives, and she will keep a wide space in her heart for the members of the Fourth District.

MRS. PHILLIP V. H. WEEMS,

THE THIRD PRESIDENT—1931-1932

Mrs. Margaret H. Weems was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and attended Bryn Mawr College in 1915. She was married to Lt. Phillip Van Horn Weems, U. S. N.

She established the Panama Canal Library in 1914 and remained as librarian until she was married. She was president of this District and a member of Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County; was charter member of Woman's Club of Naval Academy, and served as program chairman with this club.

Her presidency in Fourth District was short, for her husband's duty called him to California and she had resign to make her home there. At present Mrs. Weems is particularly interested in "Colonial Annapolis" restoration. This is an interesting subject and should be of great moment to members of Fourth District. She is a great traveller and can tell of many interesting things she has seen and many out of way places she has travelled as wife of a navy officer.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF

MRS. J. FRANK HARMAN, 1931-1932

Lorine De Moss Harman (Mrs. J. Frank Harman) was born and reared in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a pupil at Margaret Brent and Western High Schools and received religious education at St. Michael's and All Angels Church. Her first organization interest was in St. Cecelia's Guild connected with the same church. She later became a member of St. John's Choir Association and a member of St. John's P. E. Church choir. After her marriage she moved to Jessup, Anne Arundel County, Maryland where her first church association was St. Mary's Guild and Choir. She became a charter member of Woman's Club of Jessup (then called Literary Club of Jessup), and was its first secretary and at various times was chairman of music, International Relations, Citizenship, Press and Publicity, etc. She helped to organize the Jessup P. T. A. and was its president for three terms, was also a charter member of Home Economics Club and served as president and secretary. She founded Girl Scout Troop No. 9 and has been its leader for five years. Was president of the Leader's Association and a member of Anne Arundel County Girl Scout Council for several years. She also instituted and edited Girl Scout Bulletin of Anne Arundel County for two years.

When Mrs. Harman assumed the office of president, succeeding Mrs. Weems, all records had been lost, so the first step she made was to have a Constitution and By-Laws drawn up and to find a widely-known and capable woman for the next president who would succeed her and build up the district.

The Davidsonville Club for financial reasons had resigned and the Annapolis Club did not have sufficient active members for a delegate to the State Convention, so something had to be done quickly. Supporting Mrs. R. A. Hammond, chairman of nomination, the nominating committee selected Mrs. Robert Moss, who was elected unanimously for president.

In succeeding Mrs. Weems, Mrs. Harman found the District as a whole in a state of collapse, so building it up in the short time she was in office, Mrs. Moss, who succeeded her, took hold and the Fourth District began to grow. Mrs. Harman says. "It was a pleasure to be among those present when the Fourth District was formed by Mrs. Sippel at the home of Mrs. J. B. Clarke in 1925."

Mrs. Harman filled the offices of chairman of International Relations, Art, Publicity, G. F. W. C. Magazine and served on the State Board under Mrs. Whitehurst and Mrs. Allen. She is now honorary member of Woman's Club of Jessup and an active member of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Woman's Club. She is a most vital and energetic worker and is interested in everything that is cultural and beautiful. She is devoted to her home, loves her garden, and her hobbies are music and painting. She is an artist of no mean merit and possesses a beautiful contralto voice.

MRS. ROBERT MOSS, FIFTH PRESIDENT, 1932-1934

Mrs. Moss, a member of Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and honorary vice-president of Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, is interested in women's activities and advocates an active part in public life. She is interested in good government and believes in votes for women. She is a charter member of County Women's Club and a founder of College Women's Club.

She organized the Mother's Circle in the county and was president of four organizations at one time: Young Women's Christian Association, League of Women Voters, Woman's Club of St. Anne's Church Service League.

She has written articles for the press on many subjects, but is especially interested in those pertaining to women. This interest began early in her life. When she was graduated from Baltimore Female College in 1884, the subject of her thesis was "Heroic Women." She was responsible for a large part in the Tercentenary of Mistress Margaret Brent (one of her forebears) held at St. Mary's City and was instrumental in securing a one-year scholarship for a student at St. Mary's Seminary as a memorial to Margaret Brent.

From this administration until the present one the record or minutes book has been kept and events follow with accuracy of date and place. On May 7, 1934 an annual meeting was held at St. Mary's City in St. Mary's Seminary with Mrs. Moss presiding. At this meeting Mrs. Stoll told of the movement before Congress for a National Old Age Pension Bill. Miss France, president of the Seminary, gave a short history of the school.

Miss Emelie Doetsch, of the Maryland Bar, made an address on Margaret Brent and referred to a suggestion made by Mrs. Donald Hooker at the Thirty-fifth Convention of Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs that the women of Maryland hold a Women's Tercentenary in 1938 to commemorate the coming of Margaret Brent to this colony. Mrs. F. C. Stoll offered a resolution of endorsement of Women's Tercentenary which was unanimously adopted.

MRS. RIDGELY B. BOND, SIXTH PRESIDENT, 1934-1936

Miriam Poe Bond, who succeeded Mrs. Moss, was born in Howard County and received her early education at the neighborhood school from which she entered St. Mary's Seminary in St. Mary's County. At the age of sixteen she was graduated as valedictorian of her class. She then passed all normal school examinations and taught in several of the public schools of Maryland, one of them being the school from which she received her earliest education.

Some years after her marriage she became postmistress of Jessup, which position she held for twelve years. During that time she was able to raise the postoffice from fourth to third class.

Her work was painstaking and she never spared herself when anything was to be done. At the State Convention in Annapolis in 1937 she acquitted herself magnificently and won the admiration and respect of all. She was an ardent church worker and her beautiful voice was raised often in singing praises to God. She was loyal to her home. She was sincere and always held out a helping hand. At her passing in August 1937, the community lost a good neighbor. She was endowed with great personal beauty, and that, added to her graciousness, made her an outstanding figure wherever she went. Her passing is lamented but "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

During Mrs. Bond's administration and at a meeting held at Mrs. J. C. Shaw's home in North Beach, Mrs. Rudolph Allen, State president, urged the use of the American flag and suggested that the chairman of citizenship adopt the slogan "A FLAG AT EVERY MEETING." This has been carried out in both District and club meetings and few meetings are held without the "SALUTE TO THE FLAG."

At a meeting in 1934 the secretary was instructed to send an invitation to the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs and invite them to Annapolis to hold the Annual Convention there with Fourth District as hostess group. At a meeting held in Brooklyn Park on October 10, 1934 with Park Circle Club as hostess club, Mrs. J. B. Clarke read adoption of resolution to celebrate the Tercentenary of Margaret Brent in 1938. These resolutions were passed by Fourth District.

At this time the treasury was in bad shape and Mrs. J. C. Shaw made a motion that a budget be made and that each of the four clubs make a contribution to the treasury, of twenty dollars. This sum was to be made by any form of entertainment the individual club selected.

Meeting of Executive Board was held on March 11, 1935 at Y. W. C. A. at Annapolis with Mrs. Bond presiding. Mrs. J. C. Shaw, chairman of Revisions, reported that the Dis-

trict by-laws had been gone over carefully, and as they were to follow State by-laws not much change was made except to remove articles from one place to another thus keeping them in conformity. One fact was brought out, that resignations are to be sent to State Federation instead of District as formerly, and applications are to be made through the district.

Mrs. Robert Moss, chairman of Scholarship Fund, explained that the scholarship to St. Mary's Seminary was in the nature of a gift on Maryland Tercentenary. A hope was expressed that Fourth District would continue this scholarship as a memorial to Margaret Brent, for a small sum each year from each member would cover the cost for a girl to study law, preferably, and so become a lawyer. For this present scholarship Mrs. Moss gave \$50.00, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Club \$20.00, North Beach Club \$20.00, Jessup Club \$20.00, and Park Circle Club \$16.67. Individual contributions outside of clubs brought up the amount to \$175.00. This was sent to St. Mary's Seminary February 22, 1935.

The president, Mrs. Bond, appointed the Reception Committee for Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs Convention at Annapolis as follows: Park Circle Club—Mrs. A. F. Tyler, Mrs. R. B. Broseker; North Beach Club—Mrs. J. C. Shaw, Mrs. J. M. Lane; Jessup Club—Mrs. Frank E. Shipley, Mrs. J. B. Clarke; Annapolis Club—Mrs. C. C. Slayton, Mrs. M. M. Stewart, Mrs. C. White, Mrs. Robert Moss, Mrs. Abram Moss. Plans were outlined for this State meeting and the keynote was to make everyone comfortable and at home.

The annual meeting of April 23, 1935 was held at Admiral Hotel in Washington, D. C. Miss Cornelia Hill of North Beach presented a resolution, sponsored by North Beach Club, which stated that women citizens be given the same rights and privileges as male citizens enjoy. This was accepted as an emergency resolution and was voted on for adoption.

Mrs. H. Matthew Gault conducted the Club Institute on American Home and International Relations. Mrs. Mather of Westminster and Mrs. C. E. Janes of Oxon Hill Club spoke on the same subject. Mrs. E. Snead, State Chairman

of International Relations, spoke on this subject and suggested that club women form study groups and do everything possible to mold public opinion for peace.

Meeting of Executive Board was held in Jessup, July 10, 1935 at the home of Mrs. Walter Harman. From reports the members of this district covered themselves with glory in the efficient manner in which every phase of the meeting of the M. F. W. C. held in Annapolis was met, and everyone left with the feeling that they had been extended a right royal welcome. Mrs. Bond, District president, acquitted herself creditably in all the numerous parts she had to fill. Being hostess group, meant much work and time to District, but from appreciation and good feeling of fellowship it created, it was worth while. A note of thanks from Mrs. C. H. Thompson, State Chairman of Arrangements, was read thanking this District most effusively for kindness and help at Convention.

Suggestions for making money were given. The president after careful calculations felt that \$20.00 from each club would be the minimum amount that could be accepted so the District could carry on, the clubs to make this money in any way deemed best to the club. A motion was made and carried that hereafter it is to be a law that all expenses, mail, telephone calls, meals, conveyances, hotel, etc. incurred by president in pursuance of her official duties are to be paid from treasury of Fourth District.

On October 15, 1936, a semi-annual meeting was held at Jessup with Jessup Club as hostess group. Mrs. John Gardner, president of Jessup Club, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Bond, president of District, presided. Mrs. Shaw, Chairman of Revisions, suggested that District elections be held in the same year as State elections, thus eliminating the confusion attendant upon change of chairmen. Mrs. Clarence White made this motion—"Moved that chairman of by-laws (Mrs. Shaw) be instructed to draw up a tentative amendment to our District Federation with regard to having an election of officers conform with State and General Federation, and to send a copy to each club for discussion or revision, if any. This copy to be sent back to by-laws chairman for change and that the clubs be ready to vote on the amendment at annual meeting in April." Mrs. White.

Mrs. White strongly advocated the responsibility of having a District budget as it is a dignified and business-like method, for bills will be met promptly by treasurer with this adequate fund ready at hand. It was reported by Mrs. M. Stewart that the young girl who was aided by Margaret Brent Scholarship Fund had been further aided to pursue her studies and the money thus spent has not been in vain.

The afternoon session was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Feeley. Mrs. J. P. Troy, State Chairman of Club Institutes presented Mrs. S. E. Sobeloff, State Chairman of Public Welfare.

Mrs. Sobeloff outlined the work this department is trying to do, and among the worthwhile projects are: the elimination of grade crossings, footpaths on highways; lunches for school children; social security, etc. Mrs. Sobeloff secured two speakers, Mr. Melvin Schied, who spoke on Public Works Administration and Mr. John Seidel, who spoke on work Projects Administration. Both these speakers gave intelligent talks along their line of work, and made clear the object of P. W. A. and W. P. A.

At the Executive Board meeting held at the home of Mrs. F. C. Stoll on March 26, 1936, Mrs. Elmer Hobbs demonstrated the proper way of peace time salutation to the flag—"Stand facing flag with right hand on heart. At the word 'flag' extend right arm straight from shoulder and point to flag with open palm."

It is to be understood that at District meeting the president gives her personal report, at State meeting she gives report of Fourth District.

Mrs. Shaw, Chairman of Revisions, brought up the subject of changing name of Official Board to Executive Committee and Executive Board to Board of Directors. This will conform more closely to the modern trend in the General and State names for boards and committees. Presidents are to bring this question up to members about making this change.

At the "Pep Supper" given at Y. W. C. A. on April 14, 1936, the night before the opening of State annual meeting, each District gave a humorous skit, dance or song after the supper. Mrs. Howard Larp, member of Jessup Club, gave a humorous Negro selection entitled, "A Fourth District Meeting" written by a District member.

The annual meeting of May 12, 1936 was held in Annapolis at Old Senate Chamber with Annapolis Club as hostess group. Mrs. F. C. Stoll, president of the Club, made an address of welcome in the form of a poem. This was a fine tribute and made the assemblage feel doubly welcome. In part she wrote—

“To the very smallest family in this federated band,
Your largest child extends to you its firm and cordial hand.
Two years have passed, two busy years, with work well
planned and done—
We stand together loyally—no duties do we shun.
Time swiftly flies; we gather here; fond memories with us stay,
And now again Annapolis Club is Hostess Club today.
With loyal hearts and happy smiles, we welcome you anew:
Here's open house to you, dear friends, here's open house to you.”

Mrs. Melvin Stewart, past president, gave a short address and advocated helping to organize Girl Scout Clubs—“as they will be future club members.”

Mrs. Robert Moss, past president, gave expression to a very lovely thought when in the course of a short talk she said—“That each meeting seemed happier than the last.” Mrs. J. C. Shaw was elected president at this meeting. Mrs. Bond, retiring president, was presented with a book on Grand Opera as a token of the esteem, love and appreciation that is felt for her in the District.

At the afternoon session, Mrs. Frank Hoadley, State president, addressed the meeting and gave a vivid description of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Council held in Miami in April. In speaking, she said that Maryland had given three hundred dollars to the Foundation Fund. She also made a strong plea for more Junior Clubs. Dr. Lida Lee Tall, president of the State Teachers College at Towson, gave an address on “Education for Living.” Mrs. F. Parran gave addresses on “Take Profits out of War” and “Women in Politics.”

THE ADMINISTRATION OF

MRS. JOHN C. SHAW—1936-1938

Rosalie B. Shaw (Mrs. John C. Shaw) was born in Covington, Kentucky of pure American parents. While living there she attended private schools for girls. When her

family moved to Washington she attended Business High School and graduated from there. She took up later special courses in accountancy and law and received her L.L.B. degree from National University, Washington, D. C. Held a responsible position in the War Trade Board during World War and after the Armistice went to the U. S. Treasury in the Income Tax Division as an auditor, which position she held until the act against married women (Section 213) was a law.

Mrs. Shaw has always been interested in welfare work, especially in old women and children, and seeing that they are taken care of the year around instead of only at Christmas. She has always looked after the mountain children of Kentucky.

When serving as Chairman of Education in North Beach Club, (Education being one of her hobbies), she was responsible for interesting the county folk in the necessity of having a two-teacher school instead of the antiquated one-teacher system. As a result, North Beach has a modern school building with four teachers. She says—"I really feel that the work on schools which I did in Calvert County has done much toward cutting down illiteracy in this section of Southern Maryland, and has made the farmers realize that schooling for their children is a necessity."

She is treasurer of North Beach Club and has served as its president several times. Has had the honor of being voted upon as an outstanding member of club and her name has been sent to G. F. W. C. While president of this District she visited many clubs. During her administration the annual and semi-annual meetings were interesting and the programs contained much that was vital to the club members and their activities.

In summing up, it can be well said that Mrs. Shaw has great poise and is equal to any situation that arises in club meetings. She diffuses a warm friendliness and has a charm of hospitality, no doubt inherited from her southern ancestors. At her home at North Beach, facing on our beautiful Chesapeake Bay, she is quite the southern hostess, making one feel entirely at home and serving the most delicious fruit punch—Kentucky—Oh No!—just good old Maryland punch.

The Board of Directors meeting and semi-annual meeting were held on October 20, 1936, at Fuhrman Studio, Fairfax Hotel, Washington, D. C. with North Beach Club as hostess group, with Mrs. Shaw, newly elected president, presiding. At this time the treasurer reported \$91.37 on hand. Mrs. Charles Appleman, State Chairman Public Health, was present and said the Cancer Control Movement was first started as a federation project, but it was decided that the money collected for this purpose in each state be used by that state, either in research or in the purchase of radium.

Mrs. H. Wiley gave an interesting talk on "Equal Rights of Women," and the Equal Rights Amendment will be a step toward fairness in criminal law, alimony, dower equity and separate maintenance. Mrs. R. B. Bond read the prize winning essay sponsored by State of Maryland on "What the Statue of Liberty Signifies to Me." This was written by a member of Fourth District, Mrs. Orion S. Gover, and the prize money received was used by winner to help pay for a trip to New York and to take part in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Statue of Liberty at Bedloe's Island, New York. This essay was also published in the *Maryland Club Woman*.

A Board of Directors meeting was held at Y. W. C. A. at Annapolis on February 18, 1937 with Mrs. Shaw presiding. Mrs. Shaw discussed the question of having the Board of Directors take action on the resolution relative to proposed change in the Supreme Court in accordance with the recommendation of the president of General Federation of Women's Clubs. This question brought forth much discussion and the final vote taken was against the proposed change in the Supreme Court.

At the Executive Board meeting held in Fuhrman Studio in Baltimore on May 11, 1937, Mrs. Shaw, president, presented each club member with a neat booklet on the "Study of the Constitution of the United States." Miss Alma Prinkert proposed as a citizenship project that the schools work out a plan to further citizenship. A cup as a trophy was suggested to be given to the school presenting the best program. This was adopted by motion.

Mrs. Frank Hoadley, State president, spoke of her trip

to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and of the many persons she met there who were interested in the nomination of Mrs. John Whitehurst for first vice-president—G. F. W. C. They also congratulated her for the wonderful work Maryland was doing in club work. The afternoon was given over to an educational radio broadcast with instructive pictures flashed on the screen by Dr. W. Riley, U. S. Health Department. In regard to the dread disease, syphilis, he warned all to seek advice of reputable doctors, for if taken in time this disease can be wiped out.

At the meeting held on October 28, 1937 at the home of Mrs. John Gardner of Jessup with Jessup Club as hostess Club, Mrs. Shaw appointed Mrs. Gardner as one of the nominating committee of next State election. The clubs were admonished to appoint delegates to G. F. W. C. Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri as soon as possible. Each club in District is entitled to one delegate. The treasurer reported \$96.71 on hand to date. January 31, 1938 was the day proposed to have a benefit of some kind for Cancer Control fund.

A tribute to Mrs. Ridgely B. Bond, past District president, who passed away suddenly in August, was given by all standing in prayer led by Mrs. John Gardner.

A campaign song, dedicated to Mrs. Whitehurst, and written by a Fourth District member, was accepted by M. F. W. C. and printed on song sheets to be used in Kansas City. The clubs of District sent several delegates to Kansas City Convention and much interest was shown in the election of Mrs. Whitehurst.

On May 3, 1938 at Old Senate Chamber, Annapolis, Maryland, the annual meeting was held. Miss Virginia Addison (now Mrs. Hanson Ball), president of hostess club made the address of welcome. The treasurer reported \$74.85 as balance on hand to date. It was with much enthusiasm that the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Junior Woman's Club was presented and welcomed in the District with Miss Lillian Vanous as president.

The members of District presented Mrs. Shaw with a past president's pin in appreciation of her loyal efforts in behalf of the District.

Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, newly elected State president, Mrs. Rudolph Allen, past State president, Mrs. Carl Wheelock, president of Baltimore or Third District, Mrs. Elmer Mayberry, president of Sixth District, Mrs. R. Shepherd, Mrs. J. E. Legge and Mrs. J. B. Clarke were among the guests present.

MRS. JAMES A. ROBERTSON, EIGHTH PRESIDENT, 1938-1940

Mrs. Robertson was married in Hong Kong and spent her honeymoon on the river. She was a student at University of Wisconsin when she met Dr. Robertson, soon he was sent to China. She followed later and the marriage took place. Later they went to Manila and while there she organized the University of Women, the first club outside the United States. From Manila, she moved to Cleveland and then on to Washington. Mrs. Robertson is charter member of University of Women Clubhouse in Washington, past president of Women's Club of Tacoma Park, member of Twentieth Century Club of Washington, Women's Alliance of Unitarian Church, Leaders' Club of Tacoma Park, Y. W. C. A. of Washington and Annapolis, Maryland Federation Women's Club as president of Fourth District and member of Woman's Club, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County and is historian of same club. Mrs. Robertson has many hobbies, and stamps, fans, silver spoons, book-plates and pitchers are among her collections. She believes in people being individual, loves the outdoors, loves beauty in everything. This District is proud to have this distinguished woman as president. She is especially interested in records and advocates their security in the archives at Annapolis.

In October, 1939 at the semi-annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. John Gardner at Jessup, Maryland, Mrs. Robertson arranged an interesting program. One speaker from F. B. I. gave a very splendid address on Finger Printing, and another speaker gave his views on Zoning Laws. At the luncheon, Mrs. Calvin Gabriel was guest speaker.

Much interest is being shown in the Golden Jubilee birthday parties and all clubs are planning to have a party of

some kind. The Pioneer Woman is receiving her share of interest and questionnaires are being filled in and sent out.

The Annapolis and Anne Arundel Woman's Club with Mrs. Myrt Fullerton as president, has made great strides in membership and is planning to build a Club House in the future. This club does outstanding work and many notable Annapolis and Anne Arundel County women answer its roll call. At one meeting, Mrs. Henry Chadeayne, the club's founder, was guest of honor. This club was formed or organized in 1918 and joined the State Federation in 1925.

The Woman's Club of North Beach, with Mrs. Oscar Marshall as president, does a good bit of outstanding work and is especially interested in Public Welfare projects. It is sponsoring a Travelling Library for the Beach School and is cooperating with town officials toward the completion of the Town Hall that is being built. It has a First Aid Department to help in the many accidents that occur on a beach front.

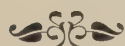
The Woman's Club of Park Circle, with Mrs. Ethel Parks Roday as president, is continuing its programs of civic and welfare problems. It has its own Club House, of which it is justly proud, and does a good bit of work with public school problems. This club was organized in 1923 and joined the State Federation in 1925.

The Woman's Club of Jessup with Mrs. Orion S. Gover as president, is small but has ten departments of work with efficient chairmen who get good results. This club was organized in 1915 by Mrs. J. O. Maynard, who now lives in Salisbury, N. C. Mrs. Maynard was an indefatigable worker in State, District as well as club and was president for twelve years. Mrs. John Gardner, a charter member, is General State Chairman of Fine Arts and Mrs. Harry Cottman, another member is State recording secretary. Mrs. Chas. Feeley is State chairman of Child Welfare.

The Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Junior Woman's Club was organized in 1937 and is the first in the Fourth District, with Mrs. Norman Hansen Ball as director and Miss Lillian Vanous as president. This club is the pet child of the Annapolis Club and is getting all the support possible from this organization. They are taking an imaginary trip to South America and everyone enjoys these

fireside trips. The Fourth District takes off its hat to this new club and will help it develop and grow as far as it is able.

Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights was organized in 1939, with Mrs. L. A. Helfrish as president. There are over two hundred members enrolled and all departments of work are stressed. The Fourth District is so glad to have it within its fold. GOOD LUCK to this new club.



HONORED AS DISTRICT PIONEERS



MRS. WALTER HARMAN
Service



MRS. ROBERT MOSS
Leadership

DISTRICT PIONEERS

The Fourth or Southern District deemed it a great pleasure to bestow the Pioneer Women Medals of the three women selected as District Pioneer Women, namely—Number 1—Mrs. Walter Harman, Woman's Club of Jessup; Number 2—Mrs. Robert Moss, Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County; Number 3—Mrs. Clara Royal, Woman's Club of North Beach. These women had, by their earnest work and loyalty to their club and district, merited this great honor.

The medal, in classification one, was awarded to Mrs. Walter Harman for longest service. Mrs. Harman has given good and faithful service to her club and district and has rarely missed a meeting. She has filled many offices and the district is proud to be able to award the medal to her.

The medal, in classification two, was awarded to Mrs. Robert Moss. "She has long been identified with every movement which has for its objective the advancement of women in every field." She was president of the district which is now honoring her, was hostess to Triennial Convention of Maryland Federation held in Annapolis; introduced resolutions to hold Margaret Brent Memorial and Celebration; collected sufficient money from clubwomen to purchase an exquisite miniature of Margaret Brent which was presented to Mrs. John F. Sippel as a gift from Maryland club women.

Mrs. Clara Royal was awarded the third honor. Mrs. Royal joined the club in 1920 and continued her membership until her passing away. She held many offices in her club and was chairman of welfare and hospitality committees. Mrs. Royal endeared herself to her club members and her passing away at Emergency Hospital in Washington in 1939 was a great loss to her club. The Fourth District felt it an honor to be able to award this medal to Mrs. Royal's family.

NAMES OF PIONEER WOMEN OF CLUBS OF FOURTH DISTRICT

Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

Class number one—Mrs. Clarence White
Class number two—Mrs. Robert Moss
Class number three—Mrs. Anna L. Brewer

Woman's Club of Jessup—

Class number one—Mrs. Walter Harman
Class number two—Mrs. John Gardner
Class number three—Mrs. Miriam Poe Bond

Woman's Club of North Beach

Class number one—Mrs. Margaret Lee Townsend
Class number two—Mrs. Rosalie B. Shaw
Class number three—Mrs. Clara Royal

Woman's Junior Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel Co.

Class number one—Miss Lillian Vanous
Class number two—Miss Hazel Fogle

The Fourth District as well as the clubs that comprise it held Golden Anniversary Birthday Parties and goodly sums were received from each. This money was turned over to state.

MRS. ORION S. GOVER, NINTH PRESIDENT, 1940 ———

May Pennington Gover (Mrs. Orion S.), of good American stock, was born and reared in Baltimore. She attended old Eastern High and later studied in a business college for secretarial work. She is a member of Protestant Episcopal Church. For many years she has been an active church worker, and has held responsible positions in church and club activities. During 1935-1937 she was recording secretary for the Fourth District. During Mrs. Robertson's administration she was historian and also made up scrap book for the District. She has served in all capacities in Woman's Club of Jessup, and is the only president ever recalled to the office.

Her hobbies are, writing, astronomy, collecting old breast pins, travelling, the homely one of cooking and a decided

penchant for poking in old attics and doing over old houses. As librarian of Dr. Hammond Memorial Library of Jessup she has been doing helpful work in this line for over ten years, maintaining a library in her own home and helping students with home assignments from personally owned books.

She wrote the words of District song and other literature used in Fourth District meetings. She won a prize offered by Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs for an essay entitled—"What the Statue of Liberty Signifies to me." This was read at district meeting and later printed in *The Maryland Club Woman*. It was through her clever work in reporting that a citizenship prize offered by M. F. W. C. was won for the Woman's Club of Jessup in 1933. She has entered the Essay Contest sponsored by G. F. W. C. and the *Atlantic Monthly* magazine. When wielding a pen she is always most satisfied.

On May 14, 1940 the Annual Meeting of the Fourth or Southern District, M. F. W. C. was held in the new Senate Chamber of State House, Annapolis, when the unanimously elected officers for the period from May 1940 to May 1942 were installed in office—President, Mrs. Orion S. Gover, Jessup Club; First Vice-President, Mrs. Robert S. Mead, North Beach Club; Second Vice-President, Miss Aileen Adkins, Junior Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Warrington Carr, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Club; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Guy M. Wetzel, Jessup Club; Treasurer, Mrs. Wilbur Shawn, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Club.

With this group of tried and true club women the Fourth District is well prepared for its work as a State segment.

The platform of the district is Club Extension, Membership, and Red Cross Work. This District is growing and the president hopes to have more clubs federated and in the district at the end of the 1942 term. "Kindliness and Friendliness" are the keynotes of the administration. The Club Collect and the Closing Prayer, by Bettie Sippel, are used whenever possible. The Salute to the Flag and singing of Star-Spangled Banner are used in every meeting.

During the summer months, the president was busily en-

gaged selecting chairmen for the various departments. In July, an Executive Board meeting was called at the home of the president in Jessup when selections for endorsement were presented and general business of District followed. May 8, 1941 was suggested for the annual meeting and later accepted.

The semi-annual meeting was held in Washington on October 17th, with the Woman's Club of North Beach as hostess group where the departments of International Relations and Public Welfare presented the program. Miss Annita Ker, who is associated with the Hispanic groups at Library of Congress, gave a very interesting talk on her impressions of South American Latin countries. Miss Ker was loaned to the Venezuelan government for a year to assist in establishing a library system similar to that used in the Library of Congress. Mrs. J. Enos Ray of Prince George County spoke on the work of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Bertha E. Lane of North Beach Club was appointed member of the nominating committee of M. F. W. C. Mrs. John C. Shaw, former District president, was endorsed for vice-president of State Federation. The Howard County Civic Club, recently admitted to the Fourth District, sent their first delegate, Mrs. Millard Damm, who was extended a most cordial welcome.

November 19, 1940 was known as Federation Day in Annapolis when the Woman's Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County acted as hostess to the State Federation.

On February 27, 1941 the Executive Board met at the home of the president in Jessup with about twenty-five members present. Plans were made for the annual meeting on May 8 when American Citizenship and American Home will be on the program. This meeting was held at Jessup with the Woman's Club of Jessup as hostess. The Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights was enthusiastically welcomed in the District. Mrs. L. A. Helfrich, President, attended the meeting and was accorded a hearty welcome.

MEMBER CLUBS, 1940-1941

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized 1939—Joined State Federation 1941

President—Mrs. L. A. Helfrich

NORTH BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB

Organized 1920—Joined State Federation 1934

President—Mrs. Robert S. Mead

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1925

President—Mrs. Clarence M. White

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF ANNAPOLIS AND ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1938

President—Miss Margaret Hearn

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB OF HOWARD COUNTY

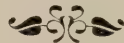
Organized 1939—Joined State Federation 1940

President—Mrs. G. Millard Damm

WOMAN'S CLUB OF JESSUP

Organized 1915—Joined State Federation 1919

President—Mrs. Orion S. Gover



FIFTH OR MONTGOMERY DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
FIRST PRESIDENT 1905-1908



MRS. ELDEN J. HARTSHORN *
Founder and First President of the Woman's Club of Kensington,
1899-1902—1903-1906

* Deceased January 17, 1926.

FIFTH OR MONTGOMERY DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
(MONTGOMERY COUNTY)



MRS. B. PEYTON WHALEN

President of the Newcomb Club of Bethesda, 1926-1930
President of the District, 1930-1936—1938-1941

The Fifth District

By MRS. B. PEYTON WHALEN

In the early summer of 1905, five clubs, The Woman's Clubs of Rockville, Kensington, and Darnestown, the Home Interest and Fortnightly of Forest Glen, met at the home of Mrs. W. D. Little in Forest Glen for the purpose of organizing a federation of clubs. Mrs. Elden J. Hartshorn was made temporary chairman. In August a meeting was held with Mrs. William Welch in Rockville and a constitution was drafted. At the next meeting, held in Kensington, Mrs. E. J. Hartshorn was chosen president.

The first annual meeting was held in Kensington the next May, the speakers being Hon. Gifford Pinchot, whose subject was "Forestry," and Mrs. Gittinger, who spoke on "Education." At this time the County joined the State Federation, a chairman of Education and Legislation was appointed, and a bill was sent to the State Legislature requesting a woman's appointment to the School Board. The House passed this, but it was lost in the Senate.

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By the second annual meeting, three more clubs had joined the Federation. Resolutions were adopted urging the appointment of a matron for the almshouse and jail, a compulsory education law for the county, and the appointment of a probation officer to attend sessions of the Circuit Court. Mrs. George H. Wright followed Mrs. Hartshorn as president in 1908. A Club Extension chairman was appointed and clubs rapidly federated, among them "The Suffrage Association." Miss Lavinia Engle of Forest Glen was an ardent supporter and pioneer in this movement, and for many years she did outstanding work in Legislation.

A committee interviewed Governor Goldsborough and obtained from him a promise that a woman would be placed on the School Board of Montgomery County, if one could be found who was qualified.

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Mrs. R. C. Warfield served as president from 1910 to 1912. The Social Service League, organized in 1908, was a

child of the Federation, and grew rapidly. During this term the first public health nurse employed in the county was sponsored by the League and Federation. Medical examination of school children was introduced into the schools and the Juvenile Court was made possible through combined effort. Until 1930 the Federation was the right hand of the League with 100% membership and the clubs raised as much as \$4,000.00 a year.

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The next administration was headed by Mrs. J. W. Townsend—1912 to 1914. Increased interest in civic problems, development of Fine Arts department, and Club Extension were the main projects of these years.

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In 1914 Mrs. F. C. Getzendanner took up the work. Again strenuous efforts were made to have a woman on the School Board; no one qualified had yet been found, it seemed. A "Baby Week" was inaugurated at the County Fair and efforts made to improve conditions generally. Rest rooms for mothers and children were provided and luncheons served by the Current Comment Club of Silver Spring, the money going to Social Service League.

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Mrs. G. V. Chandler, our war president, served from 1916 to 1920. Most of these years were filled with war work, conservation groups, canning classes, garden projects, knitting, sewing, packing boxes for over seas, caring for war orphans, selling Liberty Bonds, organizing Council of Defense and keeping regular activities going.

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Mrs. J. W. Jones served from 1920 to 1922. At last a woman was appointed to the School Board, Mrs. Dawson Trundle accepting the position. It was found necessary to have a semi-annual meeting in November. Better English Contests were started in the schools and bronze medals were given the winners. A week's course in Home Economics at The University of Maryland was provided for the two best 4-H Club Girls. On April 19, 1920, \$450.00 was subscribed to furnish a memorial room at the Montgomery

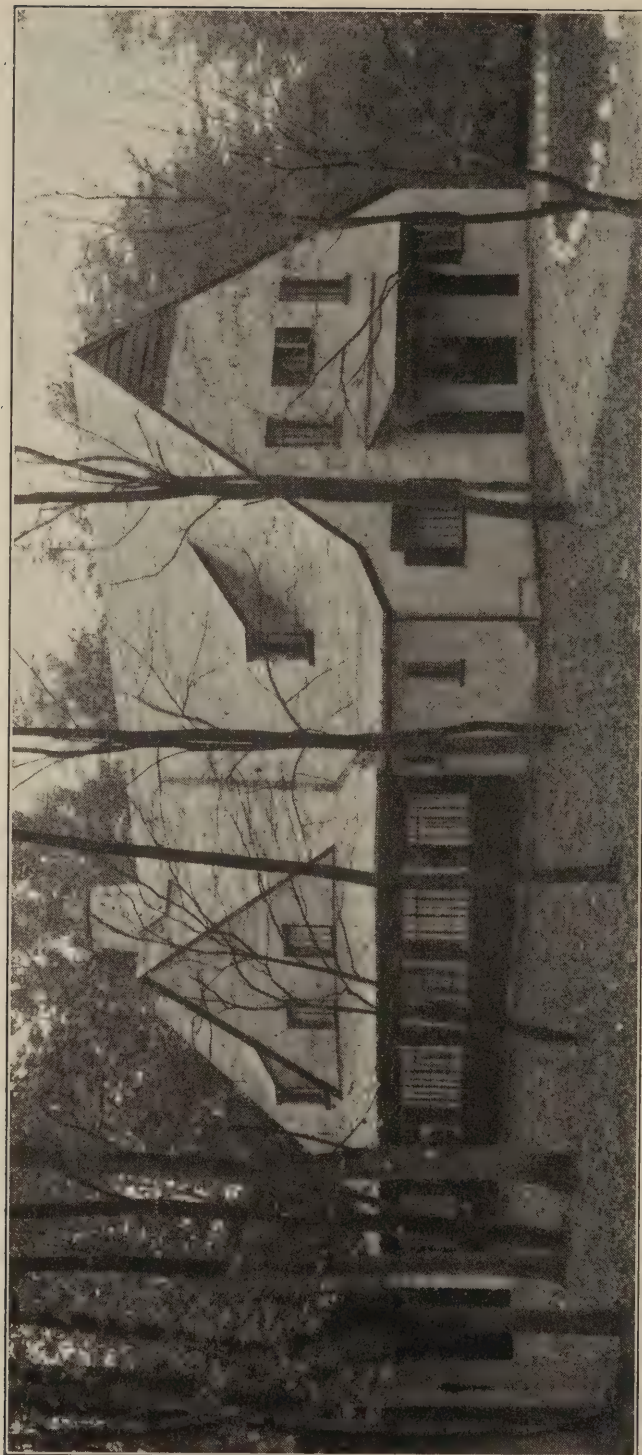
County Hospital. Two Clubs paid annually \$50.00 each toward the upkeep of two beds in the women's ward. Premiums of \$15.00 were given for the best Emergency Shelf Exhibit of canned goods at the County Fair. This shelf received the blue ribbon at Timonium Fair. It was voted to give a four-year scholarship course in Home Economics at the University of Maryland.

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Mrs. James H. Jones held office from 1922 to 1924. A Home Demonstration agent was secured, the Federation paying the County's proportion of the salary since the Commissioners did not see the need. There were now twenty-eight clubs in the County Federation, ten in the State and a few in the General. Oratorical contests and debates were encouraged among the schools, with splendid results. The State Executive Board was entertained in Rockville in September 1922, the first meeting of the Board to be held outside of Baltimore. In May, Governor Ritchie appointed a second woman to the School Board, Mrs. Walter E. Perry. Health Institutes for mothers and children were held. A Juvenile Court was opened in Rockville on May the first.

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Mrs. Archibald Small was elected in 1924. Her great aim was "to interest the thinking woman in our work," and Federation chairmen were carefully chosen to that end. The Woman's Club of Gaithersburg entered the National Better Homes Contest and was awarded second prize of \$150.00 for rural exhibit. Mrs. Graham of Kensington won a prize for music of "Our Pledge." Music and drawing were taught in schools for the first time. Educational work had been carried on vigorously and thirty out of fifty one-room schools were declared standard; gold medals replaced bronze in contests; a book plate designed by a school boy and girl was officially accepted by the School Board and County Commissioners, 10,000 copies being donated to school libraries. The almshouse was so improved by a woman on its Board, that the courthouse officials asked if the club women could "clean up the courthouse." Much enthusiasm and interest was aroused for the creation of a County Circulating Library and Bookmobile.



CLUB HOUSE
The Woman's Club of Bethesda

Mrs. O. C. Merrill succeeded Mrs. Small in 1926. Library extension was again stressed, a Student Loan Fund named for Eliza Bennett Hartshorn established, five kindergartens were opened, and health centers were established.

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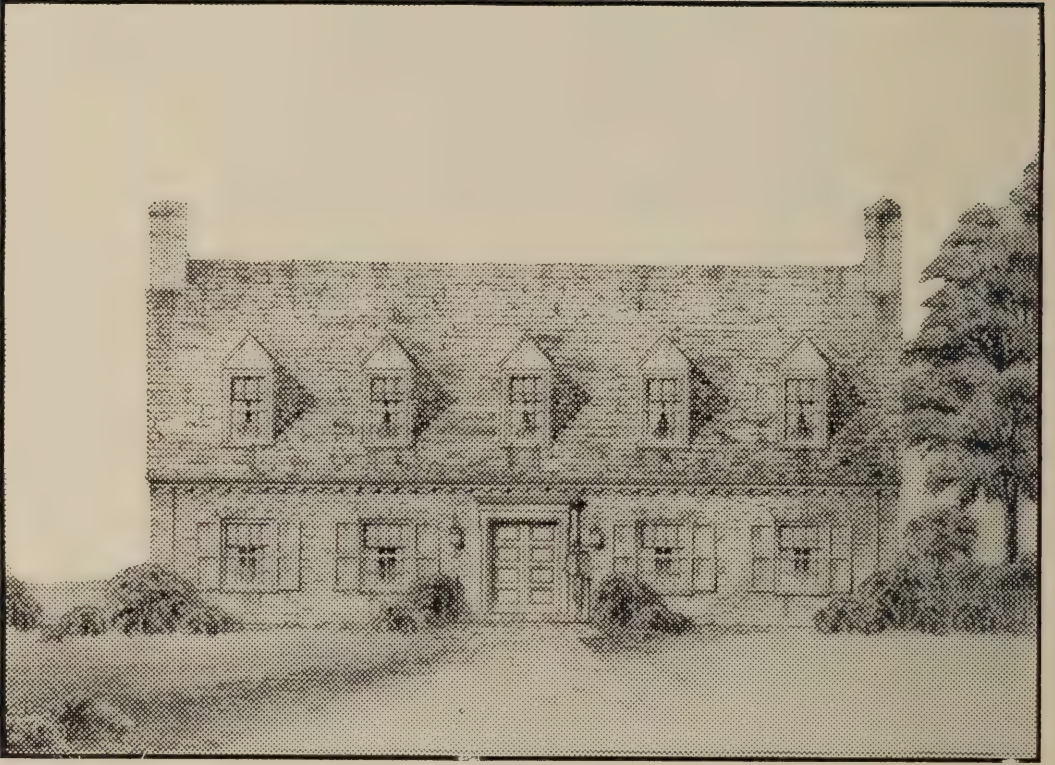
Miss Estelle T. Moore was president from 1927 to 1930. The Federation became the Fifth District of the State Federation. During this administration more and better work than ever before was done in Public Welfare. An effort was made to secure for Montgomery County one of the three new almshouses proposed to be built by the State. The Student Loan Fund had made loans to ten girls, two of whom had repaid the loan.

In 1928 the new club house of the Woman's Club of Bethesda was opened. The club history written in 1911 when the club was founded reads, "It was the hope of the founders to have in the course of time, a clubhouse of their own." After years of untiring efforts, the cornerstone was laid on Founders Day, May 26, 1927 and the clubhouse formally opened one year later, May 26, 1928, at a cost of approximately \$25,000.00. The clubhouse is of English Cottage type and is situated on Georgetown Road and Sonoma Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. In June, 1928 a pageant was given as another project of the District Federation and several thousand dollars were raised for the Social Service League.

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Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen was elected in May, 1930 and continued in office three terms until 1936. During these years Universal Membership was accepted, and the State Endowment fund completed by the payment of \$250.00, a name loan fund established in the State, the County Loan fund through the efforts of the clubs, was increased by \$4,000.00 or more, two libraries were established, one by Silver Spring Improvement Club and the other by Newcomb Club of Bethesda.

Members of the Home Demonstration, many of whom were also members of other clubs, organized the first Women's Cooperative Farm-to-Home Market during this



CLUB HOUSE
Woman's Club of Chevy Chase

period. The project has since grown to have an important place in business in Bethesda, in Takoma Park and in Silver Spring.

Birth Control, Jury Service for Women, Consolidated Almshouses, and Equal Rights Amendment were endorsed by the Federation. "Named" Student Loan Funds were created: Rosalie Small, Annie M. Wilson Art Fund, Brunetta Hartley, honoring a past president and members. Newcomb Club and Newcomb Club Library Fund (a club), the Rockville Women's and Inquiry Clubs established their own Student Loan, as did the Woman's Club of Bethesda. Chevy Chase created Gift Scholarship, giving \$250.00 a year. This has grown until \$600.00 has been given in a year.

Our beloved Annie M. Wilson served as chairman of Fine Arts these years and brought to us an awakened spiritual insight to the beauties of music, poetry and art, and opened our eyes to the glories of color, rhythm and harmony.

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During Mrs. George Morey's term—1936 to 1938—legislative study was stressed, art exhibits planned, and the county joined the Council of Social Agencies.

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Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen again took the chair in 1938. "Know Your County Government" has been the theme of the past three years. Study groups have cooperated with the League of Women Voters. Income Tax, Juvenile Court, Education and Foreign Relations have been studied. Two large card parties have added nearly a thousand dollars to the Student Loan Fund which has grown to about \$10,000.00. Thirty-eight girls have received loans.

During this administration a very beautiful home was built for the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. This club house built in 1938, and formally opened October 17, 1938, is well equipped to care for the needs of its eight hundred members. The Club's objective, "To promote the welfare of the Community and of the State of Maryland" has been constantly upheld.

Contributions of approximately \$22,000 have been made

to philanthropy and education, during the past fifteen years. Two gift scholarships and contributions to the County and State Student-Loan funds are given annually.

*These are the gifts we ask of Thee—Spirit Supreme
Courage to face the road,
Good Cheer to help us bear the traveller's load,
And for the hours of rest that come between
An unseen joy in all things heard and seen.*

The Fifth District selected as their choice for their three pioneer club women:

Class I—Leadership—Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen, member of Newcomb Club of Bethesda for 35 years, president of District nine years.

II—Outstanding Club Member—Mrs. Harry Armstrong, member of Woman's Clubs of Kensington 41 years, President, vice president, corresponding secretary, treasurer, several departments.

III—Mrs. Eliza Bennett Hartshorn—Founder of Woman's Club of Kensington in 1899. Organizing member of the Montgomery County Federation and its first president. Mrs. Hartshorn died in 1926.



HONORED AS DISTRICT PIONEERS



MRS. ELDEN J. HARTSHORN
Deceased



MRS. B. PEYTON WHALEN
Leadership



MRS. HARRY C. ARMSTRONG
Service

DISTRICT PIONEERS

MRS. J. ELDEN HARTSHORN, who died in 1926, was the founder of the Woman's Club of Kensington in 1899 and its first president. She was one of the organizers of the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs, its first president, and, also, took an active part in the organization of the Maryland State Federation of Clubs. She served year after year on various committees in her own club, the County Federation, and in the State Federation. While she served as chairman of Club Extension several new clubs were formed in the State. She worked for better schools, better training for teachers and higher salaries for them, and, also, for the appointment of a woman to the School Board, making a personal appeal to Governor Goldsborough for that purpose.

In 1911 she succeeded in bringing to Kensington the first semi-annual meeting of the State Federation ever to be held outside of Baltimore. A special Baltimore and Ohio train brought representatives of eighty clubs to that meeting.

For eight years Mrs. Hartshorn served as General Federation State secretary, an office presumably corresponding to that of General Federation director today.

To have helped start new organizations was praiseworthy, but to have helped make them efficient and smooth-working bodies is an achievement which meant unfailing enthusiasm and hard work. Mrs. Hartshorn had this ability. Rare personal charm, a fine mind, and great executive ability made her a leader. To her ability to inspire others with her enthusiasm and her tireless example is due much of the success of those newly-formed clubs.

Mrs. Hartshorn was a native of New York State but went to Iowa as a young woman and married there. Soon after that she came to Montgomery County and lived here until her death. She had four sons but her splendid vitality and great ability made it possible for her to manage her family and her club work simultaneously and to the advantage of both.

MRS. HARRY C. ARMSTRONG was a charter member of the Woman's Club of Kensington, founded in 1899. She served faithfully in various offices and on numerous committees for her club and in both the County and State Federations. She wanted better roads in Montgomery County and worked hard to get them. As chairman of Education she joined the perennial fight for a woman on the School Board.

Through her efforts an unused piece of land owned by the town was set aside for public use. She brought in a landscape artist who drew plans which could be carried out by her with the help of other members of her club. Tennis courts and an outdoor fireplace were built and memorial trees were planted. This project was later taken over by the Maryland Park and Planning Commission which added more tennis courts and built a log cabin for picnics or as a meeting-place. Today it is the Kensington Playground, a worthy monument to her foresight. For forty-two (42) years Mrs. Armstrong has been an active, working member of her club.

Mrs. Armstrong was born in Massachusetts and came to Kensington as a bride. She has two sons.

MRS. B. PEYTON WHALEN joined the Newcomb Club of Bethesda in 1905 and became its first recording secretary. Since that time she has held every office and chairmanship in the club except that of treasurer, which she consistently refuses. She remembers with interest the first annual meeting which was held in Kensington in 1906, and that going in a horse-drawn carriage, she arrived just in time to make her first club report.

In 1926, Mrs. Whalen was elected president of the club and served in that capacity until 1930, when she was made president of the Fifth District. She is now serving her fourth term as president. During these years the Student Loan Fund has grown from \$1,300 to \$10,000 and thirty-nine girls have used it; a boys' loan fund has also been established. The Council of Home Makers Clubs came into the Federation which sponsored the opening of the Farm Women's Co-operative Market; a loan fund has been created by this group, available to either boy or girl. The State Endowment Quota was completed, Universal Membership

adopted, and the study of County Government started with the close cooperation between the Federation and the League of Women Voters.

In 1932 Mrs. Whalen was made State Director to the General Federation and served until 1935. During this time she was State Chairman of Clubwoman, G. F. W. C. and of the Foundation Fund. In 1935 to 1938 she was appointed to the General Federation House Committee.

Mrs. Whalen, during this period, has been Regent of the Janet Montgomery Chapter D. A. R., on the Woman's Board of Montgomery County General Hospital, a member of the Board of Directors of the Maternal Health Clinic, vice-chairman of the Montgomery Welfare Board, chairman of Finance of the Mental Hygiene Committee, (for which she conducted a drive for funds last year), parliamentarian for the League of Women Voters and Farm Woman's Market group, area chairman of the Washington Community Chest, and a member of the Council of the Social Agencies of both Montgomery County and Washington.

She says she believes:

*That she who makes somebody happy each day,
And she who gives heed to distress,
Will find satisfaction the richest of pay—
It is service that measures success.*

Member Clubs, 1940-1941

CIVIC STUDY CLUB OF GARRETT PARK

Organized 1913—Joined State Federation 1914

President—Mrs. Robert S. Hudgins

CURRENT COMMENT CLUB OF SILVER SPRING

Organized 1914—Joined State Federation 1924

President—Mrs. Hugh Buckingham

INQUIRY CLUB OF ROCKVILLE

Organized 1911—Joined State Federation 1911

President—Mrs. Hugh Thompson

NEWCOMB CLUB OF BETHESDA

Organized 1906—Joined State Federation 1909

President—Mrs. William R. Dellett

ROUND TABLE OF DICKERSON

Organized 1913—Joined State Federation 1931

President—Mrs. Carl F. Von dem Bussche

WEDNESDAY CLUB OF SANDY SPRING

Organized 1904—Joined State Federation 1909

President—Mrs. Eric Englund

WOMAN'S CLUB OF BETHESDA

Organized 1911—Joined State Federation 1914

President—Mrs. Frank P. Farley

WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHEVY CHASE

Organized 1913—Joined State Federation 1915

President—Mrs. F. M. Kerby

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHEVY CHASE

Organized 1937—Joined State Federation 1938

President—Miss Margaret Abbe

WOMAN'S CLUB OF DARNESTOWN

Organized 1897—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. W. Kelley Rice

WOMAN'S CLUB OF DAWSONVILLE

Organized 1898—Joined State Federation 1931

President—Mrs. Robert W. Allmutt

WOMAN'S CLUB OF GAITHERSBURG

Organized 1921—Joined State Federation 1921

President—Mrs. Bates Etchison

WOMAN'S CLUB OF KENSINGTON

Organized 1899—Joined State Federation 1900

President—Miss Anna B. Peck

WOMAN'S CLUB OF ROCKVILLE

Organized 1900—Joined State Federation 1903

President—Mrs. Fletcher Schott

WOMAN'S CLUB OF SILVER SPRING

Organized 1919—Joined State Federation 1923

President—Mrs. John C. Keele

WOMAN'S CLUB OF SOMERSET

Organized 1917—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. Paul Dunbar

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WOODSIDE

Organized 1926—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. Gerard Hubbard

WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF KENSINGTON

Organized 1924—Joined State Federation 1925

President—Mrs. Earl W. Macy

CLASS C

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Organized 1905—Joined State Federation 1939

President—Mrs. B. Peyton Whalen

SIXTH OR PRINCE GEORGE'S DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
FIRST PRESIDENT 1916-1917



MRS. NATHAN THOMPSON *

President of the Woman's Club of Laurel, 1914-1915

* Deceased.

SIXTH OR PRINCE GEORGE'S DISTRICT
of the
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs
(PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY)



MRS. WILLIAM PARVIN STARR

President of the Woman's Club of Riverdale, 1937-1939
President Sixth District, 1940

The Sixth District

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FEDERATION

On May 23, 1916 a group of women composed of members of five of the clubs then active in Prince George's County, met at the auditorium of the Maryland Experiment Station at College Park to discuss the organization of a county federation. The Station was housed in the Rossburg Inn at that time. The clubs at that meeting were: Progress Club of College Park, Current Topics Club of Riverdale, Woman's Club of Laurel, Preparedness Club of Springfield, and Lanham Study Club. The organization was perfected, and a Constitution was adopted.

So, in May of 1941 this county federation will have had twenty-five years of continuous activity and service. At this meeting one-quarter century ago, by-laws were also adopted, and officers were elected for a two-year term. They were: president, Mrs. Nathan Thompson of Laurel; vice-president, Mrs. B. F. Wade of Laurel; secretary, Mrs. W. M. Hillegeist, College Park; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fred McKee of Riverdale; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Duvall of Springfield; parliamentarian, Mrs. Hugh Meloy of Lanthan; historian, Mrs. M. M. Steinmeyer, Riverdale.

January 24, 1917, the federation made application for membership in the State Federation and was accepted the following April. A number of these clubs had had direct membership with the State for several years.

Due to illness, Mrs. Thompson resigned as president before the end of her term, and Mrs. Wade took over the work for the remaining year. At the end of this term, the following clubs had been added to the Federation. They were: Mitchellville Library Club, Women's Suffrage Party, which later became the Riverdale Woman's Club, W. C. T. U. of Hyattsville, and Community Club of the Forest.

The annual meeting in 1918 was held at Springfield, and the following were elected: president, Mrs. H. B. Ingersol, Springfield; vice-president, Mrs. Claude Gilbert, College Park. At this period the work of the clubs was, of course, centered on war work. Club extension at this time included Landover Community Club, Baden Community Club, Surattsville, Melwood Woman's Club and Hyattsville Wom-

an's Club. The Educational Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Edgar Brown, was extremely active in school matters, especially the study of School Law in Maryland and the legislation in regard to teachers' salaries.

The third annual meeting for election was held at Baden, May 22, 1920, and the following officers chosen: president, Mrs. E. N. Cory, College Park; vice-president, Mrs. Bowie Claggett, Mitchellville; treasurer, Mrs. George N. Wells, Lanham; secretary, Mrs. Virginia L. Fitz-Simmons; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. H. Thompson, Landover.

During Mrs. Cory's term of office a decided progress was made. This was seen in the cooperation of the county and State agents.

Very early in the year Miss Edna McNaughton advocated the following projects: First, exhibits at the County Fair at Marlboro; Second, the establishment of a scholarship in Home Economics at the University of Maryland for a graduate of the Prince George's County High Schools. The awarding of this scholarship was given on scholastic merit to a girl who would otherwise not have the opportunity to go to college. It is interesting to note that the clubs took hold of this with a will and assessed each club member at the rate of \$1 each, to be raised as they wished. Many novel methods were employed and the first year's amount, \$450, was overpledged.

At this time each Club was asked to contribute not less than \$2 to go toward prizes for the Girls' Club work under the direction of Miss Ellen Davis, the County Home Demonstration agent. In 1920, \$30 was raised for junior club work at the college for one week, and in 1922, \$32.00 was raised for the same purpose. Since the receipt of the last mentioned amount from the Federation, the prize money for Girls' Club work has been donated by the Community Chest.

Libraries in the county were started in January, 1921 under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. B. Mayhew. The first was opened by the Woman's Club of Melwood, with 215 books on hand. Hyattsville Free Public Library opened under the auspices of the Hyattsville Woman's Club, with 490 volumes on hand and 147 borrowers' cards issued. A Library Association was formed later to assume the main-

tenance of the library for the good of the town. The third library was at the Clinton High School, where 1,000 books were catalogued by the Library Committee with the closest cooperation of the Maryland Library Commission, the University of Maryland and the Washington Public Library.

The Club Rosary is found in the files at this point:

C stands for Common Sense and Courtesy.

L stands for Loyalty.

U stands for Unity.

B stands for Balance.

The following clubs joined the Federation during this administration: Tuxedo Missionary Society, known now as Tuxedo Home and School Association; Federated Woman's Club of Seat Pleasant; Cottage City Woman's Club, and Decatur Heights Housekeepers' Club.

The fourth annual meeting was held at Springfield as the guests of the Preparedness Club and Community Club of the Forest. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Theone Collis; vice-president, Mrs. Hal Clagett; secretary, Mrs. G. Musgrave; corresponding secretary, Mrs. V. L. Fitz-Simmons; treasurer, Mrs. George N. Wells.

To date the following Clubs have been added: Chillum Study Club, Ardmore Home and School Club, Brentwood Civic Club, and Landover Civic Club.

The entire Federation of Women's Clubs from the General Federation down through the counties, in all States, had gradually undergone a complete change. So the outline of departments of work was adopted and these six of the departments were accepted: American Citizenship, Applied Education, Public Welfare, Legislation and Publicity. A County chairman was then appointed by Mrs. Collis, who in turn chose her as sub-chairman.

Due to ill health, Mrs. Collis was obliged to resign early in her term. Mrs. Hal Clagett, vice-president, succeeded to the presidency, and Mrs. R. A. Bennett was elected by the Executive Board as vice-president.

The fifth annual meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. Lukes Church at Bladensburg, May, 1924, Decatur Heights Housekeepers' Club acting as hostess. Officers elected were: Mrs. R. A. Bennett, president; Mrs. A. R.

Lee, vice-president; Mrs. Carl Carlsson, recording secretary; Mrs. L. Castle, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elmore Power, treasurer. Because of ill health Mrs. Power resigned, and Mrs. J. L. Keeley of Riverdale, was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy.

In 1925, our first "Scholarship Girl," Miss Nellie Buckey, was graduated from the University of Maryland, and immediately was employed as an Economics teacher in the high school at Hyattsville, Maryland. In 1926, the second "Scholarship Girl," Miss Dorothy Murray, was graduated from the University of Maryland, and was prepared to teach. At this our Gift Scholarship was converted into a Loan Scholarship, which is open to any girl graduate of a high school and a resident of Prince George's County.

Five clubs joined the Federation during this administration: Woman's Club of Beltville, Woman's Club of Berwyn, Woman's Club of Suitland, Camp Springs and Allentown, and Woman's Club of Brandywine.

In May, 1926, the sixth annual meeting was held at Mt. Rainer, the Chillum District Study Club acting as hostess. Officers elected were as follows: Mrs. J. Enos Ray, president; Mrs. J. H. Blandford, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Bobb, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Parker Reinohl, recording secretary; Mrs. Herbert Roby, treasurer.

At the close of ten years, there were 22 Clubs in the Federation, with a membership of over 500, all working for better conditions in home, community, county and State.

1926 to 1928

With an increase in membership, a corresponding active increase in a wider program of interest was manifested. The department of American Citizenship urged the study of local governmental agencies and an active participation in elections in their chosen party affiliation. Mrs. G. P. Bickford, the chairman, created a genuine interest in this field, and many fine programs resulted.

Mrs. T. E. Woodward, the chairman of the American Home department, recognized the importance of the study of nutrition and the planning of comfortable and efficient home making. In cooperation with the County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Ethel Regan, "Achievement Day"

became a part of the program. The District entered the National "Better Home Week" contest, being awarded the first prize in its classification and a sum of \$200.00 which was used to start the Loan Scholarship Fund.

The department of Legislation made a study of pending bills in both the National Congress and the State Legislature, bringing to the clubs, those measures in which they were most interested. Mrs. Wilfrid L. Preston was the chairman who planned the work at this time.

For those who are most interested in the "Fine Arts," Mrs. Paul McFarland planned a program of study of literature, music, art and drama. In this latter field, Mrs. O. F. Cook wrote and presented a pageant entitled "The Spirit of the Home." The presentation was made at the University of Maryland and was accorded much praise for its theme and production. The club women and their children were the cast.

Mrs. Luther L. Munson, chairman of International Relations, gave an outline of study for this subject. Many unusual and distinctly interesting meetings were held by the clubs and wherever possible, a speaker from the country under discussion was secured. This is relatively an easy matter for those who live so near to Washington, D. C., as at that time the diplomatic corps had time to devote to the exchange of news and views about the peoples and politics of their homes.

Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, who later became president of the State Federation, was chairman of Press and Publicity for these two years. She established friendly relations with the staff of the Washington newspapers in the interest of more and better publicity for the clubs. In this administration two year books were published, the first of which contains the historical account from which much of this information has been taken.

The department of Public Welfare, under the leadership of Mrs. George N. Wells, made a really great contribution to the County in securing the support of the County Commissioners, for the appointment of another County Public Health nurse. Also, it was the active interest of the Women's Clubs that made the County Commissioners recognize the genuine need of a full-time County Health officer.

In May, 1928, at the annual meeting in Upper Marlboro, Mrs. O. F. Cook, of the Lanham Study Club was elected to the presidency. The following officers were also elected and installed at this meeting: first vice-president—Mrs. R. S. Allen of the Progress Club, College Park; second vice-president—Mrs. Lansdale G. Sasscer of the Melwood District Women's Club; corresponding secretary—Mrs. Wilfrid L. Preston of the Cottage City Women's Club; recording secretary—Mrs. T. A. H. Miller, Women's Community Club, Berwyn; treasurer—Mrs. George A. Castle of the Chillum District Study Club.

The Federation in this year lost, through death, one of its outstanding members and hardest workers, Mrs. Irene Bock Meloy. In recognition of her services, the Federation erected a memorial fountain on the campus of the University of Maryland at Margaret Brent Hall.

At Christmas in 1928, the Federation joined in a delightful Christmas Carol party and tea. In April of 1929 "Historic Old Dower House" was the scene of another social gathering. "Dower House," designed by Sir Christopher Wren, is one of the oldest of the Colonial homes in Southern Maryland. Mrs. Cook, who had done much to contribute to the Federation through the medium of the drama, wrote a delightful play on the life of Robert Schumann. This was presented by members of the Federation in May of 1929. The adoption of a budget plan for the Federation was also begun at this time. Mrs. Cook, the president, resigned at the end of this first year to accompany her daughter, Miss Helen Cook, while she was studying in a medical school in Munich.

At this time, Mrs. R. S. Allen, the first vice-president, assumed the office of president, and continued the work for this biennium. During this year, the departmental work was actively continued along all lines. The department of American Citizenship, with Mrs. Claude Gilbert as chairman, emphasized the study of County Government, and also the merits of all campaign issues, looking toward intelligent voting. Mrs. N. O. Brigham, chairman of the American Home Department, collaborated with Miss Ethel Regan, the Home Demonstration Agent for the County, and presented classes in domestic science, arts and interior

decoration. The Fine Arts department centered its activity around the study of drama, architecture and literature. Plays were given, the outstanding of which was at "The Sign of The Pewter Jug," a three act comedy, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Piozet. At this time also, Mrs. H. C. House undertook the leadership and organization of a choral group.

The department of Education with Mrs. W. E. Shegogue, as chairman, stimulated interest in the establishment of libraries in schools, and gifts of athletic equipment and school supplies for the use of the public schools. Library extension was under the leadership of Mrs. James E. Steele, who has continued in this work up to this time. An essay contest for children of the county schools was sponsored by Mrs. J. A. Hopkins, chairman of Legislation. The department of International Relations with Mrs. O. N. Eaton, as chairman, stressed the study of all Latin-American Nations, and secured many fine speakers for group meetings. The Public Welfare department, with Mrs. V. F. Wade, as chairman, urged the continuation of the assistance to the community and contributions to the local volunteer fire companies. The third volume of the County Year Book was prepared by the department of Press and Publicity with Mrs. D. J. Orcutt, as chairman.

Some of the other projects of the county clubs at this time are given in the following paragraphs from the history in the year book:

"The District has done its utmost to promote the three objectives which our distinguished State President, Mrs. John L. Alcock, set for us two years ago, to elect Maryland's candidate, Mrs. John F. Sippel, to the Presidency of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; to promote and make possible the publication of *The Maryland Club Woman*, and to complete the Endowment Fund." These three plans met with distinct success, and the county made a definite contribution in support of these programs. Several of the county women went to San Antonio, Texas to cast a vote for Mrs. Sippel. *The Maryland Club Woman* became the official organ of the Maryland Federation and substantial growth was made in the Foundation Fund.

"At the annual meeting held in St. Luke's Parish Hall, Bladenburg, May 21, 1930, a unanimous vote for the ticket chosen by the nominating committee was cast. With no 'scratched' ballots, the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. S. Allen, president; Mrs. G. A. Castle, first vice-president; Mrs. T. E. Woodward, second vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Janes, recording secretary; Mrs. D. J. Orcutt, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. A. B. Gahan, treasurer. It was voted this time that we adopt: Black and yellow for the Federation colors; the Baltimore oriole for the Federation bird; the black-eyed susan for the Federation flower; 'Hold fast, and go forward' as a motto.

"We were proud indeed to lend our able member, Mrs. J. Enos Ray, to the General Federation as Maryland State Director. Even as early as her trip to the June Biennial Convention at Denver, she was to receive the nickname title, Maryland State 'Doctor' to the General Federation. Other county women who served as members of the State Board are: Mrs. A. R. Lee, 'Community Service' under Public Welfare; Mrs. W. L. Preston, 'Insurance' under American Home; Mrs. Wirt Harrison 'Endowment Fund'; and Mrs. O. N. Eaton, 'Club Extension.'

"As her keynote for 1930, Mrs. Allen chose 'Child Welfare.' Speakers at the Board and Annual Meetings were invited to talk on phases of this subject. Miss Katherine Kirwan and Mrs. Wilcox acquainted us with the work of the Children's Aid. Miss Lavinia Engle pointed out our need for a Juvenile Court; and Dr. Dabney Davis gave an inspiring address on Child Development. Three girls from Prince George's County accepted the Harriet Teft Brown Scholarships offered in 1930. All of them were enrolled at the University of Maryland.

"At the Semi-Annual meeting, October 29, 1930, Mrs. C. L. Fowler, Citizenship chairman, presented an American Flag, purchased by all of the affiliated clubs, to the Federation. Another flag presentation took place at the University of Maryland on November 11, 1931, when the Federation gave a State Flag to the Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit. Two Club Institutes were given, one at Mt. Rainier, the other at Oxon Hill. Other worthwhile and profitable events have taken place such as a Harmonica Contest, Card parties and the Adah Chapter Entertainment.

"At the county fair all twelve booths were used. Most of the exhibits were put on by the clubs, while the remaining places were utilized for Federation projects.

"Resolutions favoring the restriction of billboards and endorsing the Engle-Metzerott Bill were passed. The movement to secure a consolidated almshouse for the Western Shore was supported.

"During the administration, three new clubs, Decatur Heights Community Club, Women's Community Club of Hyattsville, and the Progress Club of Oxon Hill entered the Federation. From a membership of seventy-five, when we were first organized, we grew to over six hundred. It is with pride that we mention, also, our forty-one Junior members.

"When Volume III of the Year Book was published in December of 1929, our membership stood at 574 in 21 clubs; today we have a membership of 703 in 23 clubs. Three new clubs have been added; The Decatur Heights Community Club, the Progress Club of Oxon Hill and The Women's Community Club of Hyattsville. The Chillum Community Club organized in 1928 has since disbanded.

"Junior clubs have also been formed. Two branches of the Junior Arts Club (mixed membership, sponsored by the County Federation) are working on drama. The Junior Shakespeare Club (11 girls and 4 boys) sponsored by the Womans Club of Laurel, has studied 21 of Shakespeare's plays and presented a successful public program. The 4-H Club of 26 girls, sponsored by the Women's Community Club of Beltsville, received 12 individual prizes and first booth prize at the Southern Maryland Fair; they have organized a Glee Club, which appeared on the program of the 1930 Semi-Annual Meeting of the Federation, and broadcast over Station WRC in Washington.

"On April 10, 1931, over Station WCAO, Baltimore, and again on August 18, 1931, over Station WMAL, Washington, your President was invited to talk on the District's Club activities, under the title, 'Club Women Carry on.'

"In May, 1931, at the University of Maryland, A Committee of the Federation cooperated with District No. 7, Girl Scouts, in their Court of Awards, and it was a real joy to have had a part in awarding their Merit Badges.

"The Annual County Council of Presidents was inaugurated. This

informal meeting at the home of the County President proved to be an excellent medium for introducing new Club Presidents, formulating plans and interchanging ideas. Every phase of club work was discussed under the question—"What is Your Greatest Problem as Club President?"

"A County Festival and Community Tree Celebration was held in December of 1930, staged particularly for those who would otherwise have no Holiday cheer; all agencies contributed to its success by donating hall for the evening, tree and lights, candy, printed programs and Santa Claus. Churches throughout the District were invited to participate, also the Hyattsville Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. Owing to concerted effort in the individual communities in 1931, during the distress period of unemployment, the County Celebration was abandoned. The Living Christmas Tree idea was encouraged, until now it is a reality in almost every section. As a further conservation effort, town circles and school grounds are being attractively planted.

"Three Club Institutes, with an all-county team, were held during the past year at Oxon Hill, Mt. Rainier and Brandywine, at which club organization, club management and club ethics were discussed. A very irregular club meeting followed by a model one, constituted the program, which had three objectives: To encourage self-expression; To stress a few points in Parliamentary procedure; and to emphasize the importance of cooperation in a club for harmony and success.

"We are very proud of the fact that over \$8,000 was collected for the Red Cross in its drive for drought relief funds,—the quota for this District was \$3,000. Representatives of the federated clubs cooperated with Red Cross Committees in making a thorough canvass.

"Prince George's County Federation was a pioneer in the Billboard restriction movement, and endorsed the Engle Bill which is now a Law. It also endorsed the Bill granting Jury Service for Women, and unanimously voted to accept the recommendations of the Commission on County Almshouses, to establish two State Infirmaries, one on the Eastern Shore and one on the Western Shore, to care for the aged and poor now living in County Almshouses.

"As Visual Education has sprung to the foreground among educators everywhere, so it has with our clubs. Through the medium of competitive booth exhibits, Federation projects are depicted each year in 'Federation Hall' on the Fair Grounds at Upper Marlboro. The report of this project is covered by the chairman.

"Several functions conducted by the Ways and Means Committee have netted a goodly sum towards defraying expenses of officers and chairmen, printing and stationery, delegates' expenses in part, and many other incidentals. The individual clubs have also made direct contributions to the treasury to meet the total of our budget. As our slogan was 'A Budget in Every Club,' the County Federation's expenses were budgeted and expended accordingly.

"Under the leadership of the State Endowment chairman, a resident of this County, a Campaign was waged to complete this District's quota for the State Endowment Fund, with the result that we were paid up 100 per cent and received a cash prize.

"We have adopted as our Flower, the Black-eyed Susan; our Bird, the Baltimore Oriole; our Colors, Orange and Black; our Motto—"Hold Fast! Go Forward!" Child Welfare was selected as the keynote of this administration, and it has been the aim to emphasize the duty of every adult citizen and physician to prolong the life of our children by strict observance and enforcement of Quarantine Regulations for the control of Communicable Diseases. At a Health Conference held in College Park, in cooperation with the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, State and County Health Officers met to discuss plans for future work along preventive lines.

"The Federation has received as a gift from the clubs a very beautiful

American Flag, and a gavel from its first vice-president. It has presented to the R. O. T. C. Unit of the University of Maryland as a gift also of our clubs, a Maryland State Flag and standard. The Women's Community Club of Hyattsville has recently presented a belt for use when carrying the Flag. A memorial fountain, formally dedicated, stands in front of the new Girls' Dormitory, on the University campus, as a tribute to Irene Bock Meloy from her club associates and friends. It was accepted by Mr. Samuel Shoemaker, president of the Board of Regents and Mr. R. A. Pearson, president of the University of Maryland, on the occasion of the dedication exercises for the girls' field house and dormitory.

"Every effort was made to cooperate with other agencies planning to celebrate the great Bicentennial. A pageant, in which every club depicted some phase of Washington's life, and the planting of trees was this Federation's contribution.

"It would be impossible in such a report to recount the numerous charities and educational work in which our clubs were engaged, or to tell of their pleasant social contacts, their dreams of the future. In a brief account it is not possible to tell the great inspiration furnished us by such leaders as Mrs. John F. Sippel, Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Mrs. Earl W. Chafee, and other prominent officials and speakers who have honored us during the administration, by appearing on our programs and visiting our clubs; of the very fine publicity extended by the press, especially the 'Evening Star'; of the assistance given at General Federation Headquarters; of the efficiency of the Executive Board and the earnestness of the officers. As individuals all have contributed towards making our Federation a leader in community life.

"The Sixth District of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, thus, is a continuing body, and its constant effort will be to develop a sense of individual responsibility, help stabilize home conditions, bring about happier relations between our foreign neighbors, uphold the American Flag and the Constitution of the United States,—with our motto ever before us—'Hold Fast! Go Forward!'

"At the annual meeting in May of 1932, Mrs. R. S. Allen was elected to the presidency of the State Federation, the first time a county woman had been chosen. In the county, the same month, the Federation elected for a second term, Mrs. J. Enos Ray, with Mrs. Wilfrid L. Preston, first vice-president, Mrs. Frank P. Scrivener, second vice-president, Mrs. Henry Naylor, recording secretary, Mrs. Guy S. Meloy, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Clarence L. Fowler, treasurer.

"In compliance with the request of Mrs. R. S. Allen, the State President, a member of the Hyattsville Club of this District, all club programs were built around the theme, 'Building for Better Citizenship.' During this particular year an added interest from the celebration by the State of its Tercentenary was woven into the programs by presentation of historical sketches of men and events. These have not been confined to this one county, but to the development of our citizenry from the earliest settlement to the present day.

"Many of the clubs adopted the plan of concentrated work in two or three of the departments of work. One club tried a new method of program presentation. Three departments were featured and others correlated. For example, Legislation was the major subject. The study program extended through several meetings and the relation of laws and law making to Education, Citizenship, and Welfare were made sub-topics. Speakers of note, musicians and lecturers presented a wide variety of interesting subject matter. Reports were made in greatly condensed form to me, but I have sensed much of the pleasure and profit that have been the members' heritage. Perhaps the most gratifying part to me is to learn from these reports, that many times these speakers are the club women themselves, the chairmen of the departments of work and others who have prepared outstanding lectures and have been asked to visit.

"As was the case last year every club engaged in one phase or another of the Welfare work. Money was raised to be sent to a local relief agency or to be administered by club members. Generous assistance was given to the County Welfare Board, charged with the administration of Federal Relief, particularly in volunteer service connected with investigation work and direct relief. In addition to this, some of the clubs sponsored clinics, both dental and medical. Recently the giving of vaccinations and inoculations has been transferred from the Public Health Physician's office to the care of the local doctors. The clubwomen made protests at this change for they feel that the free clinic has been a great help to many of the families in the county unable to pay for the work. Perhaps half of the clubs have given at least one program to the study of the people of the Latin American countries, with the purpose in mind to understand these neighbors, and their cultural background.

"Many delightful and valuable papers have been read concerning the history of the settlement of our State, the adoption of the State Flag, and the Great Seal of the State. Prince George's County is replete with historic interest, as many of the original grants of land from the Crown are in the possession of the descendants of these families and in many places the original Manor Houses are still standing and occupied. Several clubs are still concentrating on the necessity of intelligent voting and the study of the use of the Flag and the salute to it. One very fine program was devoted to the study of the American Indian. The three speakers on this program were Indian women, who serve in the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the United States Government.

"The chairman of the department of Education selected as the theme of this year the development of public education in Maryland. Much interesting material has been gathered on this subject. An award was given the one club to its local school for the best historical essay on the growth of education in Maryland. Clubs assisted in P. T. A. work and contributed books and money for the establishment of libraries in their local schools.

"The department of American Home has functioned largely under the direction of the County Home Demonstration agent and the District chairman. The program covered two lines of work, the one before Christmas being devoted to the preparation of inexpensive useful gifts and the making of wholesome cake and candies. In contrast to this was given a series of demonstrations on Gardens, covering a course of planning, planting and culture of flower gardens.

"A contest for the preparation of the best cover for the club year books was one feature of the program of the department of Fine Arts. Another was the continuation of the Penny Art Fund contributions, which show a one hundred percent increase. Plays were given for both entertainment and profit; one of these was written by a club member. Exhibits of fine needle work, old and new, were also given for pleasure and profit. A book review in one club on an evening other than the regular meeting is a regular feature. A program in another club was devoted to the reading and discussion of poetry, prose, art, and music in Maryland's history.

"In the absence of a regular session of the State Legislature this year, certain bills before the National Congress, in which the General Federation is interested, were made the subject of study. When the State Legislature was called in Special Session in November 1933, a delegation of ten or twelve women from this county attended the opening of the session. Women from several other Districts and Mrs. R. S. Allen, the State President, were present that day.

"A few Junior clubs have been organized, these are supervised by members of Senior clubs. As usual, many novel ways of money raising have been devised, and substantial contributions made to the State and County Scholarships, local community projects and to local welfare boards for direct relief.

"The newspapers of both the County and Washington, D. C., have been

most courteous in handling news items sent to them from the clubs. Several of the clubs have subscribed to *The Maryland Gazette*, the oldest newspaper in the State, published in the Capital City, Annapolis.

"We report the return of two clubs which were withdrawn before the beginning of this administration. The work of the County Federation will surely be greatly strengthened by their participation. It is stated with pride, that the largest number of clubs from any one district contributing to the State Loan Scholarship Fund are listed as coming from Prince George's County Federation. To the 'everlasting team-work of every bloomin' soul' in the words of Kipling, is due the credit for the full programs and successful completion of much worthwhile work.

"The year 1934 finds the Federation in a sturdy condition. It is composed of twenty clubs with a membership of over five hundred women. This happy condition may well be attributed to its loyal and conscientious officers, the enthusiastic and untiring work of department and committee chairmen and finally the character of its entire membership. Its principles, aims, and objectives have established its value in the County. New officers have been elected and are already preparing, 'with loyal heart and willing hand' to shoulder responsibility. The future is 'visioned clear'. The clubs will HOLD FAST, AND GO FORWARD."

1934-1936

In May of 1934, the following officers were elected to serve for the two year term: Mrs. G. W. S. Musgrave of Laurel, president; Mrs. Elmer P. Mayberry, Upper Marlboro, first vice-president; Mrs. Luther S. Munson, Hyattsville, second vice-president; Mrs. E. Walker Duval, District Heights, recording secretary; Mrs. Eulysses Hoge, Mt. Rainier, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Alfred R. Lee, Decatur Heights, treasurer. Each of the departments of work was led by an excellent chairman, and programs of wide scope and intense interest were conducted.

The department of American Citizenship with Mrs. Charles Marbury as chairman, stressed the registration for voting of newcomers in the county, the study of immigration laws, and the correct use of our United States Flag. Mrs. Raymond West, chairman of American Home, again worked with Miss Ethel Regan, Home Demonstration Agent, to prepare programs dealing with the many problems of home-making. The department of Education was led by Mrs. Henry Brechbill, whose program covered many phases of educational work. She, as well as the other chairmen, brought eminent speakers to the county to give information on the newest trends in educational methods.

Mrs. Steven O. Beebe first had the chairmanship of Fine Arts, and started the interest in the Penny Art Fund. Before long, however, she moved to another county to make

her home, and Mrs. O. F. Cook, also of the Lanham study club, became the chairman. At this time the State chairman of Fine Arts, Mrs. Slayton, conducted a state wide contest in each of the branches of the Fine Arts department. The club women of this district had more than average success as the following prizes were awarded: first prize for best one-act drama was won by Mrs. Luther S. Munson, and Miss Sue Campbell, who wrote "Hollywood Bound"; first prize for the best short story was won by Mrs. F. W. Oldenburg of Riverdale; first prize for the best program in art, given by a small club, was made to the Cottage City Woman's club of Cottage City; the Woman's Club of Berwyn won the award offered by the chairman of Club Extension for the largest percentage of increase in membership. In the State Presidents' contest for the best definition of "The Ideal Woman Citizen," third prize was awarded Mrs. K. F. Warner and honorable mention was given Mrs. Thomas S. Gwyn.

The program for the First Triennial of the State Federation included a song from each District, to be sung by the delegates present. As the Prince George's County Federation had never adopted a song, a contest was offered in the clubs. The six elected officers as judges, selected the song "Prince George's Clubs are Singing", written by Mrs. O. F. Cook. The winning song to be sung to the tune of "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" follows.

*There's a song in the air and we're wondering where
This sweet, ravishing harmony hides—
Such beauty and grace must come from the place
Where the spirit of Music abides.
It is jubilant singing that banishes care
And brings laughter and light to the heart,
Like the sunshine of May, like the Splendor of Day
Like the rapturous joy of Art.*

CHORUS

*Prince George's Clubs are singing,
How it sets the heart afire!
The arch of heaven re-echoes
To the voices of the choir.
A silver chord sounds softly,
And the night of silence breaks—
Prince George's Clubs are singing
And the soul of music wakes.*

*The song is a part of the love in your heart,
Each morning you make a new verse.
The music is one with the deeds you have done
To make living better or worse.
From the tumult and strife comes the music of life—
The rhythm moves swiftly along—
Unafraid fill the days with the anthem of praise
Let the heart of life be song.*

Mrs. Raymond J. Coomes, chairman of International Relations, and Mrs. Hunter Edelen, chairman of Legislation urged the continued study of current news in these two fields. Mrs. W. P. Sigler, and Mrs. Herbert Roby followed the usual line of study for the soundest method of giving assistance to needy persons. The Federal program was accepted by Maryland and put into use in July of 1935. The club women have always been most helpful in the work of interpretation of this valuable plan.

Several junior women's clubs were started at this time with the fine leadership of Mrs. George M. Harris of Decatur Heights, who understands the interests of the younger women, through her service as a leader in Girl Scout work. Mrs. A. H. Seidenspinner did efficient work in the Press and Publicity department.

A report at this time of the Loan Scholarship Fund shows that the revolving fund has reached more than \$2,000 and that six girls have been receiving this scholarship. In addition to the support of this scholarship in the county, many of the clubs contribute regularly to the "Bettie Sippel Loan Scholarship" (the State Fund) and a sum of \$100.00 was raised for a State "Name Scholarship" in the name of "Isabel A. Ray."

During the administration of Mrs. Musgrave, a change in the plan of year book and directory was made; the Constitution and By-Laws were brought up to the needs of the present. The individual clubs showed improvement in program planning.

1936-1938

At the annual meeting in May, 1938, Mrs. Elmer P. Mayberry was elected to the presidency. The departments of work furthered the plans advocated by State chairmen. As a special project started in this administration Mrs. May-

berry sought to raise funds to furnish a room in a hospital. The interest created at this time focused the public attention on the need of a County Hospital. The fund will remain with the Federation and continue to be one of its major projects. The year book was again revised in its general structure and besides a roster of the club members, and the copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, a schedule of all stated meetings was arranged.

Prince George's County has a definite advantage in its location next to Washington, D. C. From the Federal Departments, from the many colleges and other educational institutions, there can and has been drawn a wealth of information. Speakers of broad knowledge and experience have come to us, graciously giving of their time and talent to make our club women an informed group. The General Federation of Women's Clubs headquarters is also within easy reach. The services there have been much used. Several of the presidents of the G. F. W. C. have addressed groups in the county. These included Mrs. John D. Sherman, Mrs. John F. Sippel, Mrs. Grace Morrison Reynolds, and Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson.

At this time, the club movement for women has attained a definite and firm place in the community life. The club is now recognized as the unit for the forming of opinion on matters vital to community growth and success.

The Prince George's County Federation of Women's Clubs started out on May 24, 1938 with a new determination to live up to the motto of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, "Unity in Diversity." With the cooperation of a fine corps of chairmen, splendid programs were arranged and adopted. Two new divisions were added, Public Safety and Conservation.

The semi-annual meeting was held at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, October 20, 1938, as guests of the Woman's Community Club of Berwyn. The theme of the meeting was "The Life of Mistress Margaret Brent." Planned to follow out the Governor's Proclamation naming November 22, 1938, as "Margaret Brent Day," the program honoring Mistress Brent, on that day at the University of Maryland, was the first outstanding event of county wide interest. Through the courtesy of Dr. H. C. Byrd, president of the

University, officers of the Federation, speakers and special guests were entertained at luncheon, which was followed by the presentation of colors, a review of the R. O. T. C. regiment and a band concert. The formal exercises were held in the Agriculture Auditorium, where Brigadier General Frank T. Hines was the principal speaker. The Governor's Proclamation was read by Miss Phyllis Newmaker, Maryland's outstanding Girl Scout.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Elmer C. Mayberry, chairman of Public Welfare, Mrs. Ralph Sheffer, representing the Maryland League for Crippled Children and Mrs. E. N. Cory of the Prince George's County Tuberculosis Association, an appropriation was secured through the County Commissioners to conduct a survey of the health needs of the County. The Federation urged that the recommendations contained in the report of Dr. Allan Freeman, who made the survey, be carried out as soon as possible.

The study of the referenda on the ballots of the 1938 election occupied the Legislative programs of every club and members of the Legislature were called upon to explain the Forty-eight Hour Marriage Bill, and to discuss the Jury Service for Women Bill.

This District had the privilege of being the hostess district for the Fortieth Anniversary meeting of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, April 11, 12 and 13, 1939.

The Annual meeting for 1939, was held at the Bladensburg High School, May 18, 1939, with the Decatur Heights Community Club as hostess club. The subject of the meeting was Youth Cooperation. The speakers were Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, National President of the Girl Scouts of America, and Mr. James H. Coffey of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Twelve clubs adopted and completed the Fingerprinting for Civil Identification project sponsored by the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, and several clubs supervised the fingerprinting of local school children.

At the semi-annual meeting held October 19, 1939, at the Methodist Church in Hyattsville, as guests of the Woman's Community Club of Hyattsville, each club introduced its Pioneer Club Woman, and Mrs. E. N. Cory, President of

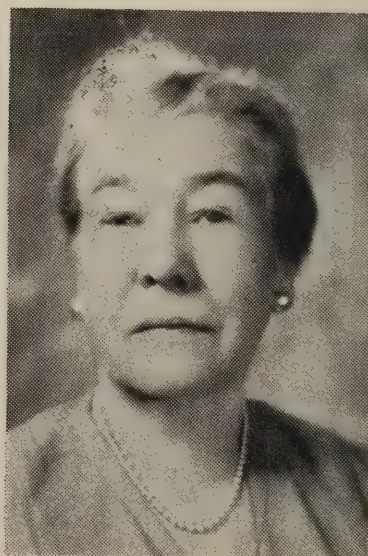
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MRS. EDGAR BROWN
Deceased



MRS. H. J. PATTERSON
Service



MRS. BENJAMIN F. WADE
Leadership

the Federation from 1920 to 1922, gave an interesting history of the early days of the Federation.

The following women were named as the County's Pioneer Club Women; Mrs. H. J. Patterson for service; Mrs. Benjamin F. Wade for leadership and Mrs. Edgar T. Brown as the deceased pioneer. Medals were presented to the first two named by Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, on behalf of the District and a resolution of esteem sent to the family of the last named. Each club also honored its pioneer with medals and many held Golden Jubilee parties in connection with the presentation of medals.

Each club subscribed to the fund to plant trees in Annapolis, as a part of the plan to beautify our capital city.

The 1938 and 1939 exhibits at the Southern Maryland Fair under the subjects "Education" and "Health Projects for Prince George's County," in which twelve clubs participated, showed increasing amount of study and labor in presenting the various phases of these subjects.

Loans to the amount of \$1275 were made to five girls from the Harriet T. Brown Student Loan Funds. Generous contributions from the Clubs and the prompt repayment of loans enabled the Scholarship Committee to grant these loans.

The Fund for the Endowment of a Hospital Bed for underprivileged children has grown steadily through the two years.

The District met its quota for the Foundation Fund as reported in April, 1939, and contributed \$130.88 to the Golden Jubilee Fund in April, 1940.

All clubs in the District assumed a great amount of local welfare work and cooperated with the Red Cross Community Chest and Infantile Paralysis Campaigns in the annual drives for funds; these assisted Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Brownie Parks; supported dental, eye and pre-natal clinics and provided cheer for the inmates of county institutions.

The Woman's Club of Laurel sponsored two outstanding Art Exhibits and two annual Flower Shows with remarkable success.

Not every club carried out every departmental program, but adopted those most suitable to their needs. Forums

and Round Table discussions on International Relations, Legislation and Education were conducted by many of the clubs.

The Landover Community Club leased an abandoned school house and renovated it for a club house, which was dedicated on October 29, 1939. The Oxon Hill Woman's Community Club and the Woman's Club of Riverdale have substantial sums toward club houses of their own.

Two clubs were admitted to membership: The Mothers' Club of Colmar Manor, and the Woman's Club of Greenbelt.

The Honorable Lansdale G. Sasscer was the speaker at the annual meeting held at the Marlboro High School, May 16, 1940, when the Woman's Club of Melwood District entertained the Federation. At this meeting officers were elected to guide the destiny of the Prince George's County Federation for the next two years.

1940-1941

The officers elected at the annual meeting held in the Marlboro High School Auditorium on May 16, 1940 were: Mrs. William P. Starr, Riverdale Woman's Club, president; Mrs. J. Howard Hopkins of Laurel, first vice-president; Mrs. Harry Nalley, Chillum District Study Club, second vice-president; Mrs. George W. Speckman, Mt. Rainier Civic League, recording secretary; Mrs. Alfred R. Lee, Housekeepers Club of Decatur Heights, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. W. E. Bennett, Current Topics Club of Riverdale, treasurer. The departments of work were in charge of an exceptionally well qualified group of leaders and interest in the wide program has been stimulated by institutes, lectures, book reviewing, the formation of a choral group, the registration of women for defense work, and the study of safety on the highways and in the home.

Mrs. W. G. Copley's report of American Citizenship shows that Prince George's County Federation was an infant organization when the first World War was entered by the United States. The membership gave its services without reserve then, and so now at this time one of the first of its activities, was to build up a file of its member-

ship for volunteer service. A questionnaire was sent out, asking for the special training, experience and preferences —of the women. It is hoped this record may prove helpful if the emergencies arise. Right here it is proper to say that large numbers of the women are doing work for the American Red Cross in its various branches.

Among those who received the questionnaire were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Harriet Elliott, Federal Chairman of Defense Consumers Commission, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst and Mrs. Harry L. Harcum. It is interesting to note that the card of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the beloved First Lady, was returned promptly filled out. One eighty-two year old member answered the question, "What can you do in an emergency?"—"I can do anything needed."

The American Home, Mrs. Felix Cristofane, chairman, continued the study of modern methods of home making and also urged the study of colonial home making in our County. Herself the owner of Bostwick House at Bladensburg she has spent much time in this field of interest. Fortunately there are many of the old homes still being used and each spring they are opened during the Garden Tours.



BOSTWICK HOUSE AT BLADENSBURG

The chairman of Education, Mrs. Henry Brechbill, chose for the work of her department a survey of the county school facilities. This was conducted by leading educators from the University of Maryland. The findings were given to the club women and county school supervisors at a luncheon meeting and provoked much favorable comment and undoubtedly many of the recommendations will be carried out.

Mrs. H. B. Mayhew, chairman for Library Extension, has set her goal for a library in each of the towns of the county and a County Bookmobile to reach residents in the rural sections.

There is much talent in the membership in the field of Fine Arts. Mrs. F. W. Oldenburg, the chairman, has been awarded a prize in a State Contest for short stories. For play-writing, winners in these contests have been Mrs. O. F. Cook of Lanham, and Mrs. Luther Munson and Miss Sue Campbell of Riverdale. Mrs. Arthur Thurston and Mrs. Irene Vaught have successfully published short stories and Mrs. Bertha Gernaux Woods, has published many beautiful poems. Mrs. Harlan Randall, the leader of the choral group, is an exceptionally gifted singer who has been most generous with her talent.

The chairman of Legislation has been particularly busy this year in bringing to the club women, pending legislation in the State Legislature. She has emphasized the study of laws proposed affecting county government as well as statewide measures. Each year the Federal legislation is followed closely.

Public Safety has been a subject of major interest, because half of the highway between Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md., lies in our county. Because of increased traffic and increased accidents on this highway, Mrs. Charles Suman, chairman, has planned many programs for the study of traffic hazards and prevention methods.

The department of International Relations selected as the program of study, the Latin American and South American countries. Everywhere the vital need for a better understanding among the nations of the Western Hemisphere is recognized, and that chairman, Mrs. W. F. Mulligan, urged that in addition to a study of the natural

resources, exports and imports, we learn the Spanish language as a medium of establishing friendly relations.

Public Welfare has always been an active department of work in this County. Mrs. Ralph Sheffer, the chairman, has provided several forums on the work of the county including a study of both the public and privately administered assistance.

In the usual manner following the custom of many years—twelve of the clubs have placed educational exhibits at the Southern Maryland Fair held at Upper Marlboro. It is of interest to note the great progress made by the club women in the preparation of these exhibits.

One new club of 62 members has federated this year. They are welcomed heartily for we know their contribution of service and intelligence will bring much credit to the organization.

Two delightful social activities during the year are worthy of note. A tea honoring the new president, Mrs. Starr, was held at the lovely country home of Mrs. Elmer Mayberry in May. Many of the women availed themselves of the opportunity to meet the new leader and wish her well. The past presidents assisted and enjoyed the renewal of old friendships.

In March 1941, a silver tea was given to present and honor Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, the first vice-president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Whitehurst is the sole candidate for the presidency of the General Federation at its coming election in May, 1941.

The tea was held in the lounge at the Home Economics Building at the University of Maryland. Receiving with Mrs. Whitehurst, who also is the only woman member of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, were the members of the committee: Mrs. Chas. O. Appleman, Mrs. J. Howard Hopkins and Mrs. Lansdale G. Sasscer; Mrs. Wm. P. Starr, County president, and Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, State president; Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, State vice-president; Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen, past president of both county and State; and Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland. It was a delightful occasion and Dr. Byrd graciously opened Rossborough Inn for the guests to visit. Rossborough Inn was recently restored to its

colonial splendor and is gradually being refurnished in keeping with its period.

Finally, twenty-five years have been completed. From five clubs of earnest women has grown this Federation to twenty-four clubs, counting nearly 800 in membership. Surely those founders chose sound objectives in writing the preamble of their first Constitution when they said:

“We, the women of Prince George’s County, desiring to procure combined efforts and concerted action for the promotion of all movements toward County betterment, do pledge ourselves to form a Federation of Women’s Clubs, dedicated to the study of this County and its development.’
Member Clubs, 1940-1941

CHEVERLY WOMAN’S CLUB

Organized 1919—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. D. A. Gurney

CHILLUM DISTRICT STUDY CLUB

Organized 1922—Joined State Federation 1928

President—Mrs. Nancy Bartolin

CURRENT TOPICS CLUB OF RIVERDALE

Organized 1912—Joined State Federation 1916

President—Mrs. Max Vollberg

COLMAR MANOR WOMAN’S CLUB

Organized 1928—Joined State Federation 1938

President—Mrs. Mildred Salter

DECATUR HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CLUB

Organized 1930—Joined State Federation 1930

President—Mrs. Wilbur S. Barton

HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB OF ARDMORE

Organized 1921—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. Alan Norris

HOUSEKEEPERS’ CLUB OF DECATUR HEIGHTS

Organized 1920—Joined State Federation 1930

President—Mrs. H. W. Gilbertson

LANDOVER COMMUNITY CLUB

Organized 1919—Joined State Federation 1928

President—Mrs. Louis Ball

LANHAM STUDY CLUB

Organized 1914—Joined State Federation 1916

President—Mrs. Charles Stancliff

OXON HILL WOMAN’S COMMUNITY CLUB

Organized 1927—Joined State Federation 1932

President—Mrs. Glen Maines, Sr.

- PROGRESS CLUB OF COLLEGE PARK
Organized 1915—Joined State Federation 1923
President—Mrs. Mark Welsh
- SUITLAND HOMEMAKERS CLUB
Organized 1924—Joined State Federation 1926
President—Mrs. J. H. Davis
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF BRANDYWINE
Organized 1924—Joined State Federation 1932
President—Mrs. B. M. Cabbage
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF COTTAGE CITY
Organized 1922—Joined State Federation 1932
President—Mrs. B. W. Taylor
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF GREENBELT
Organized 1939—Joined State Federation 1940
President—Mrs. Mary L. Willis
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LAUREL
Organized 1910—Joined State Federation 1916
President—Mrs. G. W. S. Musgrave
- THE MARLBOROUGH CLUB
Organized 1938—Joined State Federation 1938
President—Mrs. Norman W. Binger
- THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MELLWOOD DISTRICT
Organized 1920—Joined State Federation 1922
President—Mrs. Bernard J. Coyle
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF RIVERDALE, INC.
Organized 1921—Joined State Federation 1921
President—Mrs. T. E. Woodward
- WOMAN'S CIVIC LEAGUE OF MT. RAINIER
Organized 1925—Joined State Federation 1926
President—Mrs. Philip Russell
- JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF MT. RAINIER
Organized 1938—Joined State Federation 1938
President—Miss Mary Bates
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF UNIVERSITY PARK
Organized 1941—Joined State Federation 1941
President—Mrs. C. J. Stauber
- WOMAN'S CLUB OF BERWYN
Organized 1921—Joined State Federation 1925
President—Mrs. A. B. Gahan
- WOMAN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF HYATTSVILLE
Organized 1931—Joined State Federation 1931
President—Mrs. Claude E. Fletcher

CLASS C

- PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
Organized 1916—Joined State Federation 1917
President—Mrs. Wm. Parvin Starr

MARYLAND'S AWARDS

Received from the

General Federation of Women's Clubs

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1926

Best and most artistically-sung State Federation song: "Our Pledge," words written by Miss Minnie Hicks of the Associated Blind Women of Maryland and music by Mrs. Jeanette Graham of the Woman's Club of Kensington—silk American flag awarded.

1928

Best Book Week Program won \$50 first prize by the Greensboro Community Club of Maryland.

1933

Seventh Prize of Penny Art Fund won by Maryland Federation—etching by E. D. Roth.

1934

An Etching by Ivan Summers was received by the Maryland Federation for outstanding work done in the Division of Art sponsored by the General Federation Chairman, Mrs. Alvoni Allen.

1937

Largest number of public forums awarded \$25 through Mrs. Clarence H. Klingel, chairman of Adult Education for Maryland Federation.

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Second Prize in Penny Art Fund for states east of the Mississippi, which was a painting called "Back Road" by R. M. Wolff, received by Maryland Federation, Mrs. J. S. Taylor, state Chairman of Art.

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Honorable Mention in International Relations Essay Contest for Maryland Federation, awarded through Mrs. Hugh W. Day of Mt. Washington Club and International Relations chairman of the Baltimore District.

1938

Certificate of Honor by Division of Health for largest contribution to Cancer Control of any state, Mrs. Charles O. Appleton, State chairman of Public Health.

1939

\$25.00, 2nd Prize for Safety was received by the Maryland Federation for the Woman's Club of Forest Park because of their outstanding work.

1940

\$50.00, 1st Prize for Safety Award to Maryland for the Women's Club of Forest Park because of their many safety projects.

MARYLAND DELEGATES TO KANSAS CITY

Maryland delegates who went to Kansas City on a Baltimore and Ohio special train May 9, 1938, to attend the General Federation Convention, and to elect their candidate, Mrs. John L. Whitehurst to the office of First Vice-President G. F. W. C.:

Mrs. John L. Alcock, 208 E. Joppa Road, Towson, Md.

Mrs. Robert Alnutt, Boyd's, Md.

Mrs. C. O. Appleman, College Park, Md.

Mrs. J. W. Avirett-Thomas, Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. Norman Hansen Ball, Ferry Road, South River, Annapolis, Md.

Mrs. J. F. Barton, Cambridge, Md.

Mrs. Charles Behrens, 3703 Piedmont Ave., Baltimore

Mrs. Kerner F. Brown, 2 Club Road, Baltimore

Mrs. Luther Browning, Laurel, Md.

Miss Matilda Brundick, B. & O. Building, Baltimore & Charles Streets, Baltimore

Mrs. Ernest Bullard, Rockville, Md.

Mrs. P. W. Cavanaugh, The Dingle, Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. William Claus, 48 Windsor Road, Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. Louis Coriell, 205 Club Road, Baltimore

Mrs. Wilmer Fell Davis, Federalsburg, Md.

Mrs. J. H. Davis, Benning, D. C.

Mrs. John M. deLashmutt, Hillcroft Gardens, Woodbine, Md.

Mrs. Elmer E. Dixon, E. Patrick Street, Frederick, Md.

Mrs. Sidney Dixon, Elkton, Md.
 Mrs. Hunter Edelin, Waldorf, Md.
 Mrs. N. R. Etchison, 303 W. College Parkway, Frederick,
 Md.
 Mrs. Thomas Ely, 2118 Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore
 Mrs. Robert Foard, Chesapeake City, Md.
 Mrs. Calvin Gabriel, 2413 St. Paul Street, Baltimore
 Mrs. Mildred Kahler Geare, 1734 Bolton Street, Baltimore
 Mrs. O. S. Gover, Jessup, Md.
 Mrs. W. Bates Hancock, Pocomoke City, Md.
 Mrs. Harry L. Harcum, Salisbury, Md.
 Mrs. Frank M. Hoadley, 28 W. Kirke Street, Chevy Chase,
 Md.
 Mrs. J. Howard Hopkins, Laurel, Md.
 Mrs. J. Harry Huffman, 2521 Guilford Ave., Baltimore
 Mrs. D. I. Jacobson, Cambridge, Md.
 Mrs. Harry Kelsey, 833 Park Avenue, Baltimore
 Mrs. Overton Klinefelter, 10 Longwood Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. Clarence H. Klingel, 3905 Hadley Square, Baltimore
 Mrs. Walter E. Kriel, Hampstead, Md.
 Mrs. Howard S. Kroh, The Ambassador, Baltimore
 Mrs. William Lamble, 803 University Parkway, Baltimore
 Mrs. John K. Lang, Pocomoke, Md.
 Mrs. John E. Legge, 3 Midvale Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. C. W. Lough, 302 Upper College Terrace, Frederick,
 Md.
 Miss Elizabeth Lowndes, Cumberland, Md.
 Mrs. Charles Ludlam, Ocean City, Md.
 Mrs. Elmer C. Mayberry, Upper Marlboro, Md.
 Md.
 Mrs. Otha McWilliams, Rhodesdale, Md.
 Mrs. George B. Merrick, Upper Marlboro, Md.
 Miss Marie Mount, University of Maryland, College Park,
 Mrs. Harry Nally, Mt. Rainier, Md.
 Mrs. Harry Naylor, 4135 Roland Avenue, Baltimore
 Mrs. George Ninas, Gaithersburg, Md.
 Mrs. Upton D. Nourse, Boyd's, Md.
 Mrs. I. Manning Parsons, 14 Midvale Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. George Pausch, 209 Southway, Baltimore
 Mrs. F. R. Peckman, 2910 Pinkney Road, Baltimore
 Miss Anna L. Pracht, 3707 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore

Miss Alma Preinkert, College Park, Md.
 Mrs. John G. Price, Jr., 9 Beechdale Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. J. Enos Ray, Hyattsville, Md.
 Mrs. Grace L. Rayn, Kensington, Md.
 Mrs. Walter Redrow, 6214 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.
 Mrs. Ralph S. Reese, Chesapeake City, Md.
 Mrs. William C. Reid, 6 Beechdale Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. Philip S. Richardson, Hurlock, Md.
 Mrs. Morris Rosenbaum, Cumberland, Md.
 Mrs. Gilbert Russell, Elkton, Md.
 Mrs. Calvin Schildknecht, 314 N. College Parkway, Frederick, Md.
 Mrs. John C. Shaw, 4808 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
 Miss Adele Stamp, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.
 Miss Mary Stanbury, Hampstead, Md.
 Mrs. W. Parvin Starr, Riverdale, Md.
 Mrs. Gideon N. Stieff, 108 Ridgewood Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. J. S. Taylor, Salisbury, Md.
 Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, Relay, Maryland
 Mrs. Thomas J. Tingley, 214 Goodale Road, Baltimore
 Mrs. M. A. Welsh, Rockville, Md.
 Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, 4101 Greenway, Baltimore
 Mrs. David A. Williams, 4705 Maine Avenue, Baltimore
 Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Rockville, Md.
 Mrs. E. L. Winchell, Mt. Lake Park, Md.
 Miss Mary Woodworth, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
 Mrs. A. C. Zepp, Jessup, Md.

CERTAINTY

(To Mrs. Walter E. Kriel)

By HELEN BAYLEY DAVIS, *Poet Laureate*, M.F.W.C.

The peacefulness of plowed fields
 Is what my soul needs;
 The surety of growing things,
 The hushed repose that twilight brings . . .
 Nature overcoming creeds.

The sun's flame to my hilltop clings,—
 Each day an emblem of rebirth.
 As dusk unfurls its moth-grey wings
 I need the certainty of earth.

TWENTY-ONE CLUBS JOIN MARYLAND FEDERATION DURING ADMINISTRATION 1938 - 1941

DATE FEDERATED	CLUB AND PRESIDENT AT TIME OF FEDERATION	MEMBERS
9/21/38	Colmar Manor Mothers' Club President, Mrs. Mildred Slater, 1 Sibley Ave., Hyattsville	25
11/25/38	Delegates Club, Kansas City 1938 President, Mrs. Charles O. Appleman, College Park	37
2/21/39	Woman's Club of Ten Hills President, Mrs. Mervin G. Pierpont, 5500 Roland Ave., Balto.	109
2/21/39	Junior Woman's Club of Greensboro Mrs. C. P. Merrick, Jr., President, Greensboro	17
4/12/39	Tuesday Evening Club of Silver Spring President, Mrs. Miriam L. Beall	17
4/12/39	Woman's Club of Silver Spring President, Mrs. John C. Keele, 910 Silver Spring Ave., Silver Spring	55
4/12/39	CLASS B Women's Traffic & Transportation Club President, Miss Ethel C. Einstein	125
11/21/39	Junior Civic Club of Frederick President, Miss Dorothy Ford, Frederick	21
11/21/39	Woman's Club of Ocean City President, Mrs. Guy R. Ayres, Ocean City	15
11/21/39	Junior Woman's Club of Hurlock President, Mrs. John J. Breuil, Hurlock	17
11/21/39	Junior Woman's Club of Cambridge President, Miss Nanan Le Compte, Cambridge	18
2/20/40	Women's Civic Club of Howard County Mrs. G. Millard Damm, President, College Ave., Ellicott City	21
2/20/40	Woman's Club of Greenbelt President, Mrs. Mary Lloyd Willis, 38 E. Cres- cent Rd.	25
4/23/40	CLASS B Maryland Branch, National Wom- an's Party President, Mrs. George E. Halsey, 1900 Bolton St., Balto.	240
2/18/41	Milwaukee Delegates Club President, Mrs. Martin F. Sloan, 401 Wood- lawn Rd., Balto.	18

2/18/41	Woman's Club of Worcester County President, Mrs. Charles Ludlam, Ocean City	15
2/18/41	Woman's Club of Dundalk President, Mrs. D. E. Donovan, 6823 Dunhill Rd., Dundalk	95
2/18/41	Junior Woman's Club of Ten Hills President, Miss Jeanne A. Klare, 515 Chapel- gate Lane, Ten Hills, Balto.	36
2/18/41	Woman's Club of Linthicum Heights President, Mrs. Lester A. Helfrich, Hammons Lane, Linthicum Heights	207
2/18/41	Woman's Club of University Park President, Mrs. C. J. Stauber, 101 University Drive, University Park, Hyattsville	33
Vote by mail of Executive Committee		
3/27/40	The Queen Anne's Community Club President, Mr. John W. Gibson, Queen Anne	34



The following article appeared in *The Baltimore Sun*, March 29, 1900.

WOMEN'S CLUB FEDERATED

MRS. ELIZABETH KING ELLICOTT
CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF STATE BODY

Representatives of the clubs which have united to form the State Federation of Women's Clubs met yesterday morning at the Arundell Clubhouse at the opening session of the first annual meeting of the federation. By the election of officers and the transaction of other routine business the work of the preliminary committee was consummated and the organization completed.

In the absence of the chairman of the preliminary organization, Mrs. Elizabeth King Ellicott, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Charles M. Lanahan, State secretary of the General Federation. The election of officers was preceded by the reading of the minutes of the meetings of the preliminary organization by Mrs. B. W. Corkran. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Elizabeth King Ellicott, Arundell Club; first vice-president, Mrs. John T. Graham, Lend-a-Hand Club; second vice-president, Mrs. E. A.

Robinson, Lend-a-Hand Club; recording secretary, Mrs. B. W. Corkran, Women's Club of Roland Park; corresponding secretary, Miss Christine Carter, Woman's College Alumnae; treasurer, Mrs. George W. Sadtler, Parents and Teachers' Educational Union. Directors for Six Years, Mrs. Moses Goldenberg, Council of Jewish Women; Miss Margaret Weir, Myrtle Club; Miss Speers, Earleigh Heights Lend-a-Hand Club, Earleigh Heights-on-Severn, Anne Arundel County. Directors for Three Years, Mrs. Francis Sanderson, Twalif Club, Walbrook; Miss Cora Fisher, Baltimore Sorosis, Walbrook; Miss R. E. Arens, Progress Club; Mrs. G. Lane Taneyhill, Friday Club.

RECEPTION BY MRS. ROUSE

A reception given to the delegates to the State Federation by the members of the Friday Club at the home of Mrs. William C. Rouse, 1111 St. Paul Street, from 5 to 7 P. M. was the social feature of yesterday's session. The guests included, in addition to the delegates, the

officers of all of the women's clubs of the city; Miss Octavia Williams Bates, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Lydia Williams, president of the Minnesota State Federation. Miss Bates and Mrs. Williams will be the speakers tonight at the closing session of the meeting of the federation.

Mrs. Rouse, assisted by the other members of the Friday Club, Miss Fannie More McCauley, Mrs. G. Lane Taneyhill, Miss Caroline A. Taylor, Mrs. D. A. Clark, Mrs. B. Holly Smith, Mrs. B. W. Corkran, Mrs. A. P. Gore, Mrs. F. H. Davidson, Mrs. S. A. Hill, Mrs. Granville H. Swope, Mrs. Charles G. Summers, Mrs. D. H. Carroll, Mrs. A. H. Eaton, Mrs. Henry C. Shirley and Mrs. A. B. Cummings, of Philadelphia, received their guests in the drawing room, which was decorated with La France and Bridesmaid roses. The music room, adjoining, was decorated in red.

Red was the dominant color in the dining room also. Strands of smilax were caught at the corners of the table, passing from there to the chandeliers above, where they were festooned around the clusters of incandescent lights, which had been transformed into glowing red tulips. By an ingenious electrical contrivance smaller blossoms of the same kind glimmered in the floral centerpiece on the table. The electrical decorations were arranged by Mr. Howard Jefferson.

Refreshments were served by the daughters of the members of the club by which the entertainment was given. Among them were Misses Aimee and Marie Rouse, Misses Grace Summers, Jessie and Elaine Gore, Julia Taylor, Annie Swope, Katie Davidson, Fannie Lloyd and Ruth Clark.

Musical selections were rendered during the reception by Mr. Henry Miller, violinist; Mr. G. Lane Taneyhill, Jr., pianist; Miss Jewell Miller, pianist; Miss Mae Cummings and Mrs. Grace Whitman Borden, vocalists.

The members of the Friday Club and the assisting hostesses were entertained at dinner after the reception by Mrs. Rouse.

NAMES OF THE DELEGATES

The names of the federating clubs and the delegates from each are given below. Representation is proportional to the membership of the club, each club being allowed one delegate for 50 or fewer members, two for 100 and three for 200 members. The Arundell and the Council of Jewish Women, both of which have a membership of over 400, are each represented by five delegates.

Arundell—Mrs. Elizabeth King Elliott, Mrs. Albert Sioussat, Mrs. John T. King, Mrs. George J. Preston, Miss Nutting.

Lend-a-Hand—Mrs. John M. Carter, Mrs. Joseph T. Lawton.

Second Division United Women of Maryland—Mrs. A. Leo Knott.

Roland Park Club—Mrs. William H. Appold.

Woman's College Alumnae—Miss Anna Heubeck.

Progress Club—Miss R. E. Arenes.

Eastern High School Alumnae—Mrs. John D. Fiske, Mrs. Don Huffman, Miss Nellie Boone.

Western High School Alumnae—Miss Henrietta Szold, Mrs. Milton Stewart, Miss Pamela Hartman, Mrs. Alcaeus Hooper.

Council of Jewish Women—Mrs. Charles Gans, Mrs. Moses Goldenberg, Mrs. Eli Strouse, Mrs. Louis Ash, Mrs. Aaron Adler.

Parents and Teachers' Educational Union—Mrs. George W. Sadtler.

Myrtle Club—Miss Margaret S. Weir, Miss Mary Searle.

Friday Club—Miss Fannie McCauley, Sorosis—Mrs. W. A. McKewen.

Twalif—Mrs. Charles E. Duck.

Earleigh Heights, Anne Arundel County—Miss R. Jennie Speers.

Port Deposit Club—Hytheham—Miss Burnite.

Frederick Alumnae Association—Miss Mary Grade Radcliffe.

Literary Club of Kensington—Mrs. J. H. Cunningham.

Art Club of Frederick—Miss Frances Mullinix.



RESOLUTIONS

passed by the

Maryland Federation

On October 19, 1926, the Executive Board of the Maryland Federation adopted the following rule for Resolutions:

All resolutions to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting of the M. F. W. C. must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, endorsed by the Chairman of the Department to which they pertain, not later than the 15th of March (later changed to March 1st).

They shall then be submitted to the Committee on resolutions and a copy of all those approved by said committee shall be sent to each Club in the M. F. W. C. by April 1st.

PASSED, APRIL 28, 1927

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION: *Resolved*, That the "Star Spangled Banner" be made our National Anthem.

PASSED, MAY 3, 1928

WHEREAS, The love of Nature and association with its wonders and beauties not only promote health and happiness but good citizenship, as well,—and

WHEREAS, The preservation of outstanding spots such as those that come under the above classification, brings, in the end, a return value on the investment that can be counted above that rated in dollars and cents,—and

WHEREAS, The Great Falls of the Potomac do constitute the most unusual and inspiring Natural Beauty Spot within easy reach of the great Capital of our Nation,—and

WHEREAS, In the grounds immediately adjoining the Great Falls is one of the most sacred and historical relics of this Nation:—namely, the locks of the Virginia Canal engineered and built by the great Washington himself, constituting the most perfectly-preserved examples of his skill and handiwork.—and

WHEREAS, The Commercialization of the Great Falls would destroy, forever, both of these scenic and historic treasures, depriving both present and future generations of the privilege of sharing in their inspirations and benefits,—and

WHEREAS, Part of the area under consideration lies within the borders of the District of Columbia, and, therefore, belongs to and concerns the whole Nation, and the balance to Maryland and Virginia, and directly concerns those two states,—and

WHEREAS, Any dam or reservoir so near our National Capital City would be a real menace to the safety of that wonderful Shrine that has been the

pride and the mecca of our people for all these many years—as, in the event of a break,—and there have been two tragic instances in the last few weeks—or in the event of a future war (a possibility the Nation has to face and be prepared for, whether it comes or not), this spot would be one of the first sought by an enemy plane,—and a bomb dropped there would mean the wiping out of lower Washington with its wonderful Memorials, government buildings and parkways.

Resolved, That the Woman's Club of Roland Park does hereby enter protest against *any* project tending to destroy or desecrate the present attractions to be found at the Great Falls of the Potomac, as proposed in Senate Bill No. 1749:—and

Resolved, That recommendations be made to have the region of the Great Falls and the property immediately adjoining, on both sides, become the property of the Government, as provided in House Bill No. 5760, so that this tract may then be protected and safe-guarded for all time:—and

Resolved, That this Resolution be carried to the State Federation Meeting, with the recommendation that, from there, it be taken on to the Bi-ennial Meeting of the National Federation:—and

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Clubs of Maryland, and to those officials and organizations directly connected with this project.

Signed: MRS. JAMES H. DORSEY, then *Assistant Chairman* of the Division of Conservation, Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs.

MRS. CHAS. E. MCPHAIL, then *Chairman* of Conservation, Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs, now *President* Woman's Club of Roland Park.

(Proposed, at the Club, *and* at the State meeting, by Mrs. Dorsey, and seconded by Mrs. McPhail).

PASSED, FEBRUARY 18, 1930

EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs has always stood for advancement and growth in all matters relating to Forestry protection and promotion, therefore,

Resolved, That, at our State Board Meeting of February 18, 1930, this organization put itself on record as heartily endorsing the Englebright Bill (H. R. 3245), to provide more adequate Fire Protection on National Forests, and,

Resolved, that letters to the above effect be sent to the members of the House Agricultural Committee, and to Forester Collingwood, with the urgent request that, individually and collectively, they all do their utmost to bring this bill to a successful issue, and,

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be spread on the minutes of this Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE PARET DORSEY, (Mrs. James H. Dorsey),
State Chairman of Conservation.

PASSED, APRIL 15, 1931

WHEREAS, The Old Age Pension Enabling Act of 1927, permits the Counties, to do as Baltimore City has started to do, that is, to pension by a system of out-relief, those aged dependents who do not require Infirmary or Institutional care.

Resolved, That the Constituent Clubs of the Maryland State Federation, undertake a STUDY of old age dependency in their several communities, and,

Resolved, That they study during the coming year, the desirability of establishing the institution of Old Age Pensions and report at the 1932 Annual Meeting of the Federation, to the end that definite recommendations may be drawn up for submission to the various authorities concerned.

Approved by the Department of Public Welfare of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, ESTELLE T. MOORE, JR., *Chairman*.

Submitted by the Neighborhood Improvement Club of Govans.

PASSED, APRIL 16, 1931

WHEREAS, The Social Welfare Survey Commission, appointed by Governor Ritchie in compliance with Joint Resolution No. 11 of the General Assembly of 1929, in its report dated December 20, 1930, indicates conclusively the great and urgent need in Maryland for a more comprehensive, thorough and complete survey of conditions upon which to base an intelligent, more efficient and more economical plan of dealing with and taking care of Maryland's disadvantaged and maladjusted citizens, and

WHEREAS, We agree with the Commission's findings concerning the absolute necessity for a more comprehensive and thoroughly scientific survey as a basis for future planning of the State's social welfare program; and believe such a survey can be best conducted and should be carried on by an agency qualified by scientific knowledge and training to ascertain and evaluate facts,

RESOLVED, That we record it as our judgment that the Johns Hopkins University Institute of Law is the best qualified agency in the State of Maryland to undertake such a survey; and that we urge the Governor of Maryland, the Mayor of Baltimore City, and the Commissioners in the several counties of the State to co-operate in an earnest effort to have the Johns Hopkins University Institute of Law, continue to plan, direct, and supervise a social welfare survey throughout Maryland, and that the said Institute be provided with the necessary financial means for carrying on the task, which, when finished, will benefit not only Maryland's disadvantaged and maladjusted citizens but every taxpayer in the State.

Approved by ESTELLE T. MOORE, JR., *Chairman*, Public Welfare Department, M. F. W. C.

Submitted by Mrs. Wm. J. Brown, Chairman of Corrections.

PASSED, APRIL 27, 1932

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland at the 1931 session unanimously passed a resolution condemning certain types of motion pictures which are exhibited in the State, and requesting the Maryland State Board of Censors to exercise a stricter supervision over the censorship of said pictures and completely to prohibit the exhibition of all motion pictures which undermine and destroy the morals of citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors sent a letter to the Governor of the State stating "that some regulation of the attendance of minors seems to be increasingly necessary by reason of the unwholesome character of many of the films on view. Marital infidelity, bootlegging, banditry and prostitution are subjects too commonly dealt with and undoubtedly leave an undesirable impression on persons lacking in judgment and maturity of thought. In many of the films sex is over-emphasized, licentiousness and crime exaggerated and truth distorted. Frank discussion of sex is the order of the day."

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs express its approval and appreciation of the resolution passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the 1931 session, and

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs work actively to carry out said recommendations of the Motion Picture Censors for a regulation of the admission of children to the theatres.

(NOTE:—The above is an emergency due to the fact that on March 17th. the organization was appealed to for help in keeping out of Maryland a very vicious gangster film.

The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs was unable to assist officially in this constructive work because we were not officially on record for activities in this field, and there had been no special call for such action before March 1st, 1932.)

Approved by ESTELLE MOORE, *Chairman* Public Welfare Department.
Submitted by Mrs. Wm. J. Brown. Chairman of Corrections.

PASSED, APRIL 27, 1932

WHEREAS, A majority of the states have recognized the wisdom of acquiring some of the best of their scenic and recreational resources and developing them for public use, and

WHEREAS, The state of Maryland possesses a scenic endowment of great variety and distinction—an endowment in which all the citizens of Maryland have a proprietary interest—including many acres amply deserving of protection and preservation in unmodified natural condition for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs approve the establishment of a system of state parks for Maryland and that it exert its efforts and influence to that end.

Presented by Department of Education.

WHEREAS, The U. S. Census Bureau tells us that in 1929—there were nearly 225,000 pistols and revolvers manufactured and sold in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the number has undoubtedly increased, and

WHEREAS, The most of them were bought by the army of criminals and gangs infesting America today, be it

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs endorse whole heartedly any legislation which will keep deadly weapons out of the hands of irresponsible persons—children and criminals.

Presented by Department of Legislation.

WHEREAS, Many juvenile offenders are tried and convicted in our criminal courts, and

WHEREAS, under existing laws in Maryland there are no suitable institutions to which juvenile offenders may be sent—and

WHEREAS, Modern penology indicates the necessity of segregating youthful offenders from older and more experienced offenders in order to effect their rehabilitation,

Resolved, That the members of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs declare their unalterable opposition to following longer this ineffective method of reforming convicted youths; and furthermore pledge their united efforts to securing the erection of suitable institutions to house the convicted ones, and

Resolved, That youthful offenders be tried in Juvenile Courts, and only after a thorough consideration of all the aspects of the delinquency and anti-social factors contributing to the delinquency, and after psychologists, psychiatrists and social-workers have submitted reports, should the offender be sent to the institution best fitted to remedy the anti-social behavior.

Presented by Department of Legislation.

Resolved, That the matter of Mother's Pensions, both as to legislation and administration, that it be recommended the subject of special study by member organizations of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, and that if possible the general topic of Mother's Pensions be placed on the study program of the Federation during the 1932-1933 club year.

Presented by Department of Legislation.

WHEREAS, It is the judgment of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, former District Attorneys of Baltimore City, former Mayors of Baltimore City, of policemen and others, all of whom are well qualified to judge, that a greater number of policewomen are needed in Baltimore City, than the present law allows, to carry on the very important work assigned to this division of the Police Department, and

WHEREAS, The work and efficiency of this division, and of the entire Police Department of Baltimore City is handicapped by the absurd limitation placed upon the Commissioner of Police of Baltimore City by the present law relating to the appointment of policewomen,

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Maryland, at its next session, be urged by the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs. (Either through its Legislative Committee or through a Special Committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors) to so amend the present statute as to remove the clause or section which now limits the number of policewomen which may be appointed for Baltimore City to five, and

Resolved, That an amendment to the present law be advocated which will enable the Commissioner of Police for Baltimore City to appoint from time to time as many properly qualified policewomen up to twenty-five as may be needed.

Presented by the Department of Legislation.

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention assembled, ask the Mayor of Baltimore to accord greater recognition than has heretofore been given to qualified women of the City of Baltimore in making his appointments to departments, bureaus, boards and commissions having to do with the city's business.

Presented by the Third District.

PASSED, APRIL 28, 1932

WHEREAS, The Maryland Legislature has pointed out and condemned the salacious, vicious and indecent Motion Pictures now exhibited in Maryland, and

WHEREAS, The Movie Producers have failed to live up to their promises to the American Public and have continued to produce pictures that glorify vice and crime,—many making light of marital infidelity and ridiculing high ideals,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs go on record as being opposed to giving the Moving Picture Industry one more day for such undesirable exhibitions.

PASSED, MAY 10, 1933

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs study the advisability of the establishment of a system by which the State of Maryland may secure, preserve and protect certain individual trees, and exert its efforts and influence to that end.

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs request His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, to appoint a woman on the Board of Regents as soon as possible, or when the next vacancy occurs, and

That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs keep this matter on its agenda until the success of this matter be attained.

PASSED, NOVEMBER 21, 1933, BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Both of the major National Parties, meeting in convention at Chicago, June, 1932 adopted a platform pledged to safeguard American Citizens against return of the saloon,

WHEREAS, Persons, who through no fault of their own, are rendered helpless victims in the presence of deplorable tragedies resulting from the saloon,

WHEREAS, The State Dispensaries under Government Control in Canada and the Scandinavian Countries, where intoxicating liquor is sold in package form only, has met with success.

Resolved, That The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs in executive session assembled, *November 21, 1933* go on record as opposed to the passage of any law by the General Assembly of Maryland assembled in special session Nov. 23, 1933, which would license the return of the saloon in Maryland,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be mailed to the Honorable Albert C. Ritchie and to the Honorable Walter Mitchel, President SENATE and the Honorable Barton Harrington, Speaker House and to all members of the General Assembly of Maryland.

PASSED, APRIL 18, 1934

Resolved, That the delegates assembled endorse an adequate Old Age Pension Law for Maryland and that (b) The constituent clubs of the Federation be empowered to work for the passage of such a law.

Resolved, That The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs urge that the President of the U. S., Franklin D. Roosevelt, refuse to sign the Motion Picture code, unless it has embodied in it sections forbidding the distribution of pictures under the block and blind-booking system, and also providing for educational pictures to be shown free in non-theatrical buildings. (Emergency)

PASSED IN 1935

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, Mistress Margaret Brent was the most famous woman of Maryland's colonial history and her life and influence should be an inspiration to all American Women,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs request the Governor of Maryland to proclaim a Mistress Margaret Brent Ter-Centenary in 1938, the Three Hundredth Anniversary of her arrival in Maryland.

Submitted by the Fourth District of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

Affirmative 61—Negative 6—Not voting 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

WHEREAS, There has been an alarming increase in the production of un-American and obscene magazines which are degrading to our patriotic, moral and educational standards, and

WHEREAS, A Maryland Law, "Crimes and Punishments, Article 27 Sections 416, 417, 418," expressly prohibits the exhibition, gift or sale of obscene and crime provoking magazines and pictures,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs recommend the enforcement of this law as a special project for the years 1935-1936, and urge each District Federation to appoint a Special Magazine Committee to assist in the enforcement of this Statute.

Submitted by The Woman's Community Club of Hyattsville.

Affirmative 68—Negative 2—Not voting 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

WHEREAS, Many States provide roadside rests or parks for the convenience of travelers and such roadside rests would further serve to advertise Maryland's natural scenery,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs ask the State Roads Commission or the Maryland Park and Planning Commission to consider the advisability of the establishment of these attractive rests with the responsibility for their upkeep devolving upon these agencies, and

Resolved, That roadside rests be a definite conservation project for the cooperation between State agencies and the clubs affiliated with the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

Submitted by the Woman's Club of Hyattsville.

Affirmative 46—Negative 21—Not voting 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.

WHEREAS, Crime in its various forms has become rampant and threatening to our social structure, and

WHEREAS, Statistics prove that a great percentage of offenders are mere youths and this percentage is on the increase,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Woman's Clubs pledge its support to all efforts and measures looking toward prevention and suppression of crime, and

Resolved, That we urge the simplification of the Criminal Code to permit speedy and effective justice, remote from political control, and

Resolved, That as a crime deterrent we recommend public school instruction on the evil effects of alcohol and narcotics.

Submitted by the Woman's Community Club of Hyattsville.
Affirmative 64—Negative 4—Not voting 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 5.

WHEREAS, The kindergarten has demonstrated its value as an effective agency for increasing efficiency and promoting Americanization,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs urge extension of kindergartens and urge affiliated clubs to petition their school authorities to provide this educational advantage for their children.

Submitted by the Woman's Community Club of Hyattsville.
Affirmative 57—Negative 9—Not voting 5.

Pursuant to the policy of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and to a motion passed by the Board of Directors of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs the following resolutions are presented to the clubs of this federation for re-endorsement:

PASSED IN 1936

1. *Resolved*, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the "Disney Bill," which seeks to establish the National Academy of Public Affairs.

2. *Resolved*, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs study the Equal Rights Amendment.

PASSED IN 1937

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, It is recognized by the general public that there are Motion Pictures which are moral and proper for adults, but which tend to create a harmful impression on the minds of youth,

Resolved, That The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the classification of Motion Pictures into two groups,—namely "For Family" and "For Adults Only," the latter class to be exhibited only to persons over the age of eighteen.

Submitted by the Third or Baltimore District of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs.

NOTE:—The Board of Directors voted to amend by striking out "only" after word "Adults." Clubs may vote *as presented* or *as amended*.

Pursuant to the policy of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and to a motion passed by the Board of Directors of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, the following resolutions are presented to the clubs for re-endorsement:

RESOLUTION PASSED in 1930 and approved for re-endorsement by Board of Directors, February 16, 1937.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Resolved, That all Women's Clubs of Maryland express their deepest sympathy for those who fought in the late war by setting aside one day in May for the sale of poppies.

1931—No Resolutions for re-endorsement.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN 1932 and approved for re-endorsement, February 16, 1937

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, A majority of the States have recognized the wisdom of acquiring some of the best of their scenic and recreational resources and developing them for public use, and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland possesses a scenic endowment of great variety and distinction, an endowment in which all citizens of Maryland have a proprietary interest, including many areas amply deserving of protection and preservation in unmodified natural condition for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs approve the establishment of a system of State Parks for Maryland and that it exert its efforts and influence to that end.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau tells us *that in 1929* there were nearly 225,000 *pistols and revolvers* manufactured and sold in the United States, and

WHEREAS, The number has undoubtedly increased, and

WHEREAS, The most of them were bought by the army of criminals and gangs infesting America today,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs endorse whole heartedly any legislation which will keep deadly weapons out of the hands of irresponsible persons, children and criminals.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

WHEREAS, Throughout the State of Maryland many juvenile offenders are tried and convicted in our Criminal Courts and sentenced to penal institutions where they are thrown into association and contact with hardened and experienced criminals, and

WHEREAS, Under the existing laws of the State of Maryland there are not sufficient suitable institutions to which juvenile offenders may be committed, and

WHEREAS, Modern penology indicates the necessity of segregating youthful offenders from the older and more experienced offenders in order properly to effect their rehabilitation,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs are unalterably opposed to the ineffective and inefficient manner in which this state has been dealing with juvenile offenders who have been convicted of crime and sentenced to penal institutions, and

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs declare that they will work for the enactment of laws to provide that all juvenile offenders be tried in a juvenile court but that trial shall be had only after a thorough consideration of all the aspects of such juvenile offenders, (with particular reference to all anti-social factors contributing to their delinquency, and after thorough examinations and reports by psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers have been submitted to the judges of the juvenile court,) and that the judges of said juvenile court shall commit such offenders to institutions best fitted to educate and rehabilitate them.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs in convention

assembled ask the Mayor of Baltimore to accord greater recognition than has heretofore been given to qualified women of the city of Baltimore in making his appointments to departments, bureau boards and commissions having to do with the City's business.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2.

WHEREAS, The kindergarten has demonstrated its value as an effective agency for increasing efficiency and promoting Americanization,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs urge extension of kindergartens and urge affiliated clubs to petition their school authorities to provide this educational advantage for their children.

PASSED IN 1938

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs has consistently supported all Law Enforcement Agencies in their efforts to combat crime, and

WHEREAS, recognized Federal authorities urge public sentiment against political dominance of parole systems, with the view to protection of the American home through the indiscriminate release of convicted persons,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs support legislation to establish a Board of Indeterminate Sentence and Parole for the State of Maryland, which provides for the release of State prisoners only when they are ready for freedom, and for adequate supervision for released prisoners in the general community, and

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the principle of such legislation and lend support towards its passage.

Presented by the Woman's Community Club of Hyattsville, Sixth District, MFWC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

WHEREAS, The scenic beauty of Maryland is marred by the extensive use of bill-boards, and

WHEREAS, These billboards add to the hazard of highway travel, and

WHEREAS, Much of the natural beauty of native planting is obscured and damaged by such billboards,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs urge the promotion of highway safety and beautification in the State of Maryland, through elimination of billboards, and through conservation of native plant material bordering on the highways.

Presented by The Woman's Club of Roland Park, Third District, MFWC.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

that all Federation broadcasts originating in the State of Maryland shall make use of the music of "*Maryland, My Maryland*,"

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs requests all broadcasting stations carrying Federation programs to use at least five bars of "*Maryland, My Maryland*" at the opening and close of such programs.

Presented by the Woman's Club of Hamilton, Third District, MFWC.

NOTE:—There are no resolutions to be re-indorsed this year.

PASSED IN 1940

RESOLUTION NO. 1—EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, The proposed Amendment to the Constitution reading "That men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and in every place subject to its jurisdiction" was first introduced in Congress on December 10, 1923, and has been before each successive Congress since,

WHEREAS, It is the desire of women in most organizations today to remove the legal discrimination against their sex and the question of method is the only one at issue,

WHEREAS, Fifteen years of effort by the State method of removing discriminations has proved inadequate and not more than One Hundred and Fifty (150) such discriminations have been removed in the Laws of the forty-eight States,

WHEREAS, The need for an improved Constitutional status for women is more and more needed year by year to protect their economic rights,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs study the equal Rights Amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2—SALE OF POPPIES

Resolved, That all Women's Clubs of Maryland express their deepest sympathy for those who fought in the late war by setting aside one day in May for the sale of poppies.

RESOLUTION NO. 3—SYSTEM OF STATE PARKS

WHEREAS, A majority of the States have recognized the wisdom of acquiring some of the best of their scenic and recreational resources and developing them for public use, and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland possesses a scenic endowment of great variety and distinction, an endowment in which all citizens of Maryland have a proprietary interest, including many areas amply deserving of protection and preservation in unmodified natural condition for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs approve the establishment of a system of State Parks for Maryland and that it exert its efforts and influence to that end.

RESOLUTION NO. 4—PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS

WHEREAS, The United States Census Bureau tells us that in 1929 there were nearly 225,000 pistols and revolvers manufactured and sold in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the number has undoubtedly increased, and

WHEREAS, The most of them were bought by the army of criminals and gangs infesting America today,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs endorse wholeheartedly any legislation which will keep deadly weapons out of the hands of irresponsible persons, children and criminals.

RESOLUTION NO. 5—JUVENILE COURTS

WHEREAS, Throughout the State of Maryland many juvenile offenders are tried and convicted in our Criminal Courts and sentenced to penal institutions where they are thrown into association and contact with hardened and experienced criminals, and

WHEREAS, Under the existing laws of the State of Maryland there are not sufficient suitable institutions to which juvenile offenders may be committed, and

WHEREAS, Modern penology indicates the necessity of segregating youthful offenders from older and more experienced offenders in order properly to effect their rehabilitation,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs are unalterably opposed to the ineffective and inefficient manner in which this state has been dealing with juvenile offenders who have been convicted for crime and sentenced to penal institutions, and

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs declare that they will work for the enactment of laws providing that all juvenile offenders be tried in a juvenile court but that trial shall be had only after a thorough consideration of all the aspects of such juvenile offenders with particular references to all anti-social factors contributing to their delinquency, and after thorough examinations and reports by psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers have been submitted to the judges of the juvenile court, and that the judges of said juvenile court shall commit such offenders to institutions best fitted to educate and rehabilitate them.

RESOLUTION NO. 6—KINDERGARTEN EXTENSION

WHEREAS, The Kindergarten has demonstrated its value as an effective agency for increasing efficiency and promoting Americanization,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs urge extension of kindergarten and urge affiliated clubs to petition their school authorities to provide this educational advantage for their children.

The following new Resolutions were approved by the Board of Directors February 20, 1940.

RESOLUTION NO. 7—TOURIST CAMPS

WHEREAS, The Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs has consistently supported all Law Enforcement Agencies, and

WHEREAS, It has been brought to our attention that the ever-increasing number of tourist camps presents a menace to health and general civic conditions,

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs urge investigation and study of these conditions as they may exist in every community, in the State.

Presented and Endorsed by the Women's Community Club of Hyattsville.

RESOLUTION NO. 8—OBSCENE LITERATURE

WHEREAS, There has been an alarming increase in the production of un-American and obscene magazines which are degrading to our patriotic, moral and educational standards, and

WHEREAS, A Maryland Law, "Crimes and Punishments, Article 27, Section 416, 417, 418," expressly prohibits the exhibition, gift, or sale of obscene and crime provoking magazines and pictures,

Resolved, That the Women's Community Club of Hyattsville recommends the enforcement of this law as a special project for the years 1940-1941, and urge each District Federation to Appoint a special Magazine Committee to assist in the enforcement of this Statute.

Presented and Endorsed by the Women's Community Club of Hyattsville.

RESOLUTION NO. 9—STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs that the awarding of State Scholarships may be controlled by political patronage, and

WHEREAS, It is possible to grant scholarships, to candidates (1) entirely able to finance their College education; (2) to others of inadequate scholastic foundation; and (3) to non-residents of the State of Maryland, through such political patronage, and

WHEREAS, Granting of such State Scholarships without regard to merit or financial need would be contrary to the purpose for which they were established,

Resolved, that the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs deplores the political abuse of any educational facilities available for the meritorious, and

Resolved, that we make an earnest study of State Scholarships, and urge that it be included in the program of the Department of Education of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs for the year 1940-41.

Presented and Endorsed by the Woman's Community club of Hyattsville and Lanham Study Club.

RESOLUTION NO. 10—SUGAR REFINING

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs go on record as opposing any federal sugar legislation in 1940 not fair and equitable to Maryland workers and consumers which will bring a reduction in the amount of cane sugar refining done in Maryland by permitting the expansion of the subsidized tropical refiners, or the subsidized beet sugar industry or both.

Resolved, That copies of the Resolution be sent to the Congressional representatives from Maryland, to the two Senators from Maryland, and to the Secretaries of Commerce, State, Agriculture, and Interior in Washington, D. C.

Presented and Endorsed by the American Homemakers Association.

PASSED IN 1940

THE PLEDGE

WHEREAS, The recent threat to the integrity of Hammond-Harwood House at Annapolis, with the consequent apprehension and vigorous protest, serves as a powerful warning of what may happen, and of what daily is happening to antiquities in the cities and rural sections of Maryland. WHEREAS, Such desecration not only destroys what is of irreplaceable historical value, but also brings a financial loss upon the State, since tourists are attracted by these shrines.

Resolved, That the women of the Federated Clubs of Maryland pledge themselves to the preservation of such antiquities. That when club members learn of a threat to a shrine in any part of our state, the alarm be sounded.

Resolved, That the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs make it an active part of its year's program, to cooperate with organizations already existing, to create a *Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities*.

Proposed as an emergency resolution, by the
Woman's Club of Govans,

IRMA ROHLFING ANGELL,
Chairman of Art Department.

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER *

Oh say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

CHORUS

Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"

*Every American thrills to the strains of "*The Star Spangled Banner*." Equally thrilling is the thought of its author, Francis Scott Key, who watched the bombardment of Fort McHenry from an enemy ship. It was in 1814, when that strong-hold was successfully defended from the attack of the British fleet, that Mr. Key had gone to the enemy under a flag of truce to secure the release of his friend, Dr. Beanes, who was being detained on board the British flagship. With difficulty, he secured the gentleman's release, but was at the same time informed that they would not be permitted to leave the fleet until after the proposed attack on Fort McHenry. Noting every shell from the moment it was fired until it fell, they paced the deck and watched to see if the flag still waved over the fort. Through a night of painful suspense, they waited until at dawn, with a thrill of delight, they saw that the "flag was still there." Mr. Key began his poem on the deck of the vessel and finished it in a boat on his way to the shore. In an hour's time, it was printed, distributed on the streets of Baltimore, and hailed with enthusiasm. "*The Star Spangled Banner*" was at once adapted to an old French air, long known in England as "Anacreon."

* This article on "The Star Spangled Banner," is by Mrs. Cleveland Smith and was published in *The Maryland Club Woman*, February, 1930.

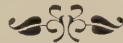
MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND *

The despot's heel is on thy shore,
Maryland, my Maryland!
His torch is at thy temple door,
Maryland, my Maryland!
Avenge the patriotic gore
That flecked the streets of Baltimore.
And be the battle-queen of yore,
Maryland, my Maryland!

Thou wilt not cower in the dust,
Maryland, my Maryland!
Thy gleaming sword shall never rust,
Maryland, my Maryland!
Remember Carroll's sacred trust,
Remember Howard's warlike thrust,
And all thy slumb'ers with the just,
Maryland, my Maryland!

* "*Maryland, My Maryland*" was written in a time of great excitement. James R. Randall, a native of Baltimore, was in Louisiana when he read the news of the attack on Massachusetts troops as they passed through Baltimore, in April, 1861. The startling event fired him to express his love for his native city, and, rapidly, he dashed off the whole poem—nine stanzas. His words were adapted to music by a Baltimorean, Miss Hattie Cary (later wife of Prof. H. N. Martin, of the Johns Hopkins University). Miss Cary and her sister, Jenny, were entertaining a glee club and, in their eagerness to score a success, they resolved to secure some new and ardent expression of patriotism. Recalling the lyric she had seen in print a few days before, Miss Cary read the lines with great feeling; at once, her sister exclaimed, "Lauriger Horatius." Curiously, the air of a jovial college song became the musical setting for a fiery war lyric!

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BURLESQUE

Life is like a barrel,
Being rolled up hill;
Slowly-slowly-slowly,
Then, a sudden spill.

Starts the game all over,
Up, and up, and up—
Struggling, striving, straining,
Reaching for the top.

Blowing, panting, puffing,
Now it's on the crest,
Bursting with impatience,
Will not pause, nor rest.

Staves are creaking, breaking,
Bands are red with rust;
Dizzily it tumbles
Down to dust.

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“—AND MY HEART GAVE THANKS”*

By BLANCHE SMITH FERGUSON

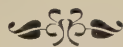
A few days ago in Windsor, Ontario, I stood, one of a long, motley line, waiting at the gates of the ferry entrance. Here, I was an alien but just across the river was Home—not my native city—but Home, none the less.

Once aboard, conscious of the remarks of two non-patriots, I studied the scene before me with impartial, critical eyes. The river, busy with craft, large and small; in the distance Lake St. Claire and Belle Isle, the former lined with mansions of multi-millionaires, the latter russet and green in autumnal glory, set like a jewel in blue waters; the city of Detroit with its massive buildings marking a bold skyline and its great factories belching white, black and gray smoke.

In a flash I saw all these things, not merely as they are, but as symbols—symbols of our country—a lusty, young country vibrant with Hope; pregnant with Generosity; where Faith stands ever ready to lend impetus to the wheels of Progress; where each day some petty sordidness is rubbed away and, almost unnoticed, friendliness creeps in; where there is no limit to the heights men and women may achieve; where the very smoke, which hangs like a pall over our cities and soils our frilly white curtains, speaks loudly of peace, plenty and honest endeavor; of fairer wage and greater freedom for the toiler; of a veritable new world for all women—even the women of the Orient and the harem—women in offices, factories, homes, the farm woman; the professional woman—that very smoke has freed her from drudgery—given her longer hours for self-improvement; better schools for her children. Schools where the arts, trades and professions are lined up with the three R's, within the reach of all, along with pure water; pure food; modern medicine and dentistry; push button light; radios; telephones; airplanes; flivvers; good roads; clubs; conventions; votes; a flag honored by all nations and, encompassing this, heart-warming inspiration and helpfulness!

The boat docked. Again I waited in line, this time to declare my nationality before I could re-enter America. Watching the bustling, prosperous crowd stream in, I thought how different was the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on that long ago Thanksgiving Day and I wondered, if from that bleak, bare coast they had looked forward and envisioned the glory of today?

I faced Uncle Sam's spic and span official. "A citizen of the United States," I proclaimed proudly, and my heart gave thanks!



A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

By MARY STEWART

Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed
Let us be done with fault-finding, and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—without self-pity, and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and, oh, Lord God let us forget not to be kind!



THE PLEDGE

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

